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SURVIVAL FUNDS: \$394 mutual Aid came through for him as survival funds. We thank everyone who contributed. We are forwarding over said amount to him as he readjusts to the world. Thank you all again.

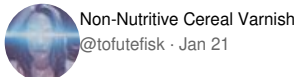
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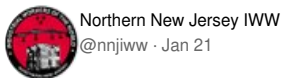
The 14th Amendment was ratified 157 years ago. Trump cannot just override our Constitution with an executive order. The president does not have the authority to end birthright citizenship.

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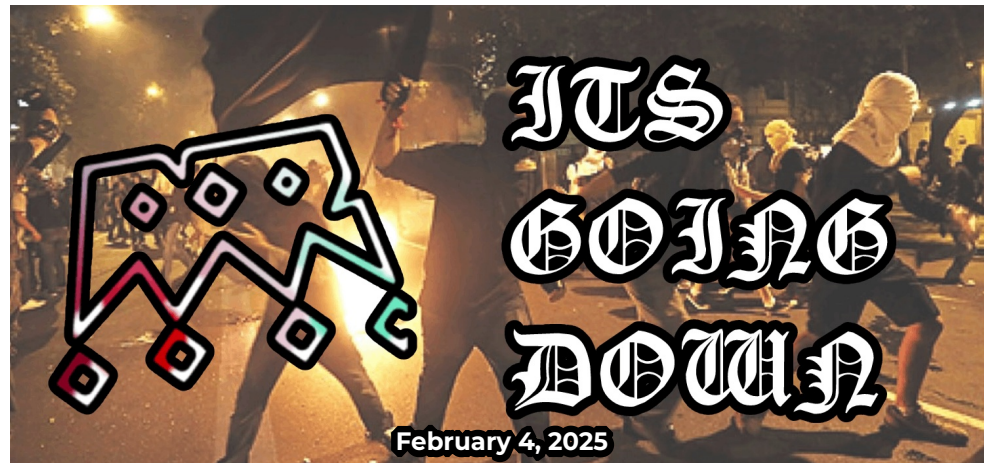
it's incredibly disturbing that volunteers even have to be "actively looking for a homeless shelter." pls share what you can.

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Boost! Please help FWs!

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Students Shut Down Pro-ICE Neo-Nazi Demonstration on ASU Campus

February 1, 2025

On Friday, January 31st, up to a thousand students and community members mobilized against four neo-Nazis involved in College Republicans United, a group known for sponsoring numerous events featuring white supremacists. Students linked arms and stood in front of the neo-Nazis, who had set up a table and were encouraging students to report undocumented people on campus to ICE and called on the Trump regime to escalate its attacks on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients.

Protesters handed out zines outing the neo-Nazis to the student body along with information on the rights of undocumented people. At one point, a protester flipped the neo-Nazis' table over. After about an hour, the fascists packed up and left. As AZ Central reported, "They were opposed by hundreds, who protested by marching in a circle around them and led chants in support of the immigrant community."

On BlueSky, Arizona Right Watch reported, "Only one [student], Isaiah Alvarado, is a

confirmed student at ASU, the others include white supremacists Ryan Sanchez, Colton Buss and Kevin Decuyper." As Arizona Right Watch documented, the members of College Republicans United have clear neo-Nazi politics and are linked to violent white supremacist organizations. According to AZ Central:

Kevin Decuyper, previously attracted local media attention for his pattern of ethno-nationalist comments online. That included disparaging "the J's" and musing about how to carry out "the final solution," the Nazi policy of exterminating Jews, in a "clean and effective" way. Decuyper has since continued to associate with an anti-Jewish student group.

Ryan Sanchez is a former member of fIdentity Evropa and the Rise Above Movement, neo-Nazi organizations that have a history of violence. Colton Buss, another neo-Nazi, was recently reported on in The Nation:

Buss is currently under investigation for his behavior toward an interracial couple in the Washington State Young Republicans and, separately, for his treatment of a Jewish man who is affiliated with the organization.

According to the Phoenix New Times:

Isaiah Alvarado, the group's

president, avoided questions from reporters...Kevin Decuyper, a past CRU president and aide to ex-Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio, wore an "America First" hat and held up a shoddily written, barebones sign with an ICE hotline URL and a clipboard with its phone number. When asked by protesters why he supported Trump's pardons for Jan. 6 insurrectionists while calling undocumented immigrants "criminals," Decuyper seemed at a loss for words. Decuyper has not had trouble expressing virulently antisemitic views online, though. College Republicans United — not to be confused with the school's other, more mainstream college Republicans group — has a history of far-right extremism.

In 2023, it hosted an event featuring white nationalist Nick Fuentes that got the group into hot water for erroneously naming county Republicans as supporters. A year earlier, the group invited white nationalist Jared Taylor onto campus to give a speech, costing ASU \$11,000 in security expenses. In 2019, Phoenix New Times reported the contents of a group chat in which CRU members shared racist, antisemitic and homophobic sentiments.

Despite the open neo-Nazi politics of College Republicans United and their promotion of white supremacist and anti-Semitic speakers and ideas, Arizona State

University has continuously shelled out thousands to provide security for their events, while pushing to suppress anti-war protests in support of Palestine, and ban speakers that support the BDS movement.

A Setback in the Alex Stokes Case: Appeal Denied

February 1, 2025

Update on the case of antifascist Alex Stokes, who received a sentence of 20 years for defending himself and friends from violent Proud Boys on January 6th in New York. To support Alex Stokes, [go here](#).

Ten days after members of the neo-fascist Proud Boys were pardoned for their seditious conspiracy conviction stemming from their actions on Jan. 6th, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., [an appellate court](#) in New York declined to overturn the conviction of Alex Stokes Contompasis. Contompasis is serving 20 years after stabbing two Proud Boys who were reportedly [attacking](#) those countering a so-called "Stop the Steal" rally at the Statehouse, also on January 6th, 2021.

The 5-0 ruling Thursday, noted that Contompasis, who often goes by his first two names, had failed to prove his use of a knife to stab one person and attempt to stab another was justified self-defense. Proud Boy Dominic Wierzbicki started a fight that resulted in his brother James P. Warner and local Proud Boy chapter leader Douglas Michael Ruso being stabbed. Wierzbicki [turned himself into police](#) in March 2021 and was charged with third-degree assault and possession of a weapon in the fourth-degree. These charges ultimately resulted only in Wierzbicki being fined.

The ruling claimed that video contradicted Contompasis' contention that he had rushed to the aid of a friend who was being roughed up and was nearly knocked out by the first stabbing victim, causing Contompasis to swing his knife wildly in an effort to protect

himself.

While the ruling also noted the panel took letters of support from community and the one misdemeanor on Stokes' criminal record into consideration when making their decision, it largely depended on Contompasis' social media posts which they claimed lacked remorse.

The family said they are planning to appeal to the New York State Court Appeals.

"Heartbroken doesn't begin to cover how we feel," a post on Instagram reads. "I want to thank everyone for your support. It's not easy to speak truth to power but this community has given me the strength and courage to keep going. I meant it when I said this account was created as an act of love. As long as Alex is away, and even when he gets back, I'll be doing my part to help people trapped in this abusive and draconian carceral system."

Follow Free Alex Stokes on Instagram, [here](#). For information on how to write to Alex, [go here](#):

Alexander Contompasis 22B5028
Upstate Correctional Facility
PO Box 2001
Malone, NY 12953

Report Back on the People's Liberated University Report Back

January 31, 2025

Report and critical analysis of the encampment in solidarity with Palestine in Boise, ID. Warning, this includes discussion on sexual assault.

There were a lot of nearly perfect days at the People's Liberated University (PLU) during its one-hundred and sixty-four day run. When the weather was perfect, the space felt safe and welcoming; it felt like we could take on the world together.

On any morning of one of these

nearly perfect days, the sun would come up over the Ada County Courthouse and wash down the encampment, eventually landing on an overnight crew. The crew might be huddled closely in a circle, sitting on discarded and scavenged office chairs. They would be whispering, sometimes laughing uproariously, about news, jokes and stories. They might not have been a crew previously but passing a night together in this way made them into a crew quickly.

Over time, a morning crew would filter in and the overnight crew would filter out; more sharing of news as they passed. Sometime during this transition, food crew would bring breakfast for anyone with an appetite. Another transition at this time was the overnight protracted encampment blossoming into a street display. Signs and tents, stowed for the night, would emerge into position on the lawn facing car and foot traffic.

After the day initialized, nothing changed but the time and the temperature. It got warmer as the day wore on, sometimes hot, even. On the hot days, laying low in the shade was a must. No matter the temperature or weather, though, sitting around was the primary activity. People came and went through the space as needed but Holding Space in Office Chairs was the primary function until another activity came along. Usually, this meant nothing happening all day. If something did happen, it happened in the afternoon or evening after the heat broke and people were getting out of school or class.

Sometimes, the afternoon of a nearly perfect day would be punctuated by an emotional support group that would discuss the ongoing trauma of their state enabling genocide. Other times, the community would put on a show, talk, or teach-in to raise awareness, educate, or fund raise. Those who fund raised did it with the idea and intent they were raising money for people struggling in Gaza. One of the most perfect days included a community organized talent show featuring musical and drag performances. Even this nearly perfect day was tainted, though;

back against aggressive right wing policies.

Fascism has been here. Most of you have been sleep walking happily.

FYI: racism NEVER died out
#burntheprisons

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Don't Boo...Revolt!
@BreeNewsome · Jan 26

Please look up "Bacon's Rebellion"

Understand that we, the "American" people, are a colonized people

still held in slave & debtors colonies

on illegally occupied lands

by the same ruling class

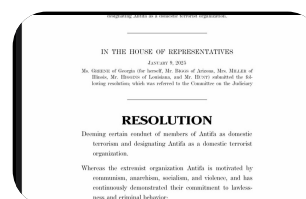
for the past 400+ years...

...No one will free us but us.

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Jessica (Ka) Burbank
@JessicaLBurbank · Jan 26

They're trying to make it illegal to be anti-fascist.



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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -
@JailLawSpeak · Jan 25

Prisons are ALSO social control tools, especially when it comes to destroying movements. Remove or eliminate key figures it hurts movements. This system powers will literally imprison you until the movement you rep has lost influence, is dead, or is reactionary #burntheprisons



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@JailLawSpeak · Jan 25

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Sana Saeed
@SanaSaeed · Jan 25

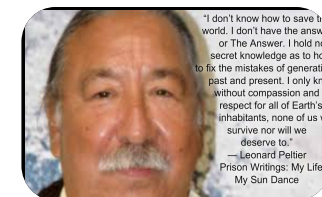
*I've said elsewhere that we cannot look at Jewish ethnosupremacy in the context of thousands of years of Jewish history but specifically within the context of European colonization & white supremacy as Zionism is less a Judaic project and more an explicitly Euro-American project (similar to Rhodesia, apartheid South Africa - but with a greater ideological, military & imperial importance for the U.S. esp).

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Indigenous
@AmericanIndian8 · Jan 24

FYI
Leonard is set to be released Feb 18
This is per the clemency order
His people are working to make it sooner
#LeonardPeltier

#INDIGENOUS #TAIRP



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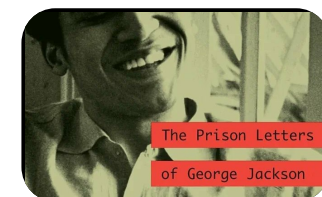
Samuel Sinyangwe
@samswey · Jan 24

Incarcerated firefighters are why most of LA still stands today and they should be treated as absolute heroes. They should be granted full pardons with backpay for all the work they've done and be released and placed into formal firefighting careers.

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@JailLawSpeak · Jan 25

Understanding the historical struggle and present objectives
#georgejackson #prisonresistance #revolutionarypolitics #burntheprisons



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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -
@JailLawSpeak · Jan 22

Zionist are racist. Period

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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -
@JailLawSpeak · Jan 22

What we are witnessing today is the blunt political expression that "American laws and imprisonment is not designed for everyone" #burntheprisons



It's alot of powerful and super rich ppl in power that are not in touch with reality.

AND YOU ALL LOVE THEM GOVERNING YOU



ATTENTION: JLS Housing and Resource Center will temporarily pause accepting new residents after the current one moves out. Due to harassment. This pause is necessary until we install a privacy fence around the property to ensure the safety, dignity, and privacy of our residents



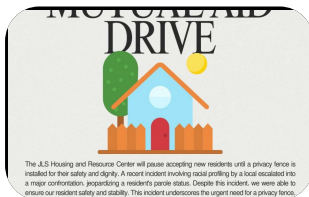
This incident underscores the urgent need for a privacy fence.

Financial aid can be contributed towards this project by c*sh app \$ arebelsworld or v*nm0 @ arebelsworld or through the websites

Or

#mutualaid

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A fencing company has estimated fencing at 20k - 24k.



Here's an example of a fascist calling for ethnic cleansing of an indigenous population, & of corporate media whitewashing & normalizing the fascist idea.

Shame on Trump and shame on the @AP for refusing to do actual journalism.

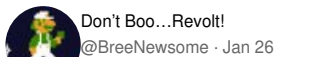
This is ethnic cleansing. It is a crime. Period.



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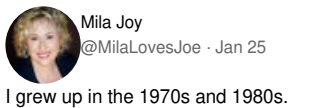
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Leftism is not white, folks just don't actually engage with any of the Black revolutionary figures they hype up lol



Wtf What planet was she on #burntheprisons



I grew up in the 1970s and 1980s.

Back then, no one saw color.

We were all just Americans.

How did that change?



BLACK AUGUST 2025: We are in the preliminary stages of looking for a spot to have an abolitionist gathering. Radical/progressive minds please join us. Let's discuss strategies and movement building moving forward. Date/place TBA



People in this country are so deradicalized and fragmented that they aren't organized enough to fight

more on that later.

As the sun set on these nearly perfect days, the tents and signs would be taken down and stowed for the evening. Food crew would come back through, pick up leftovers from breakfast, and drop off dinner. Office chairs that had been scattered around the encampment through use were huddled, once again, into circles as night crew filtered in and day crew filtered out. It was at these points in the late evening and early night, even on the nearly perfect days, that the state police incursions and outside hostilities generally materialized.

On the most perfect of the nearly perfect nights after the nearly perfect days, the amount of supporters in the space was enough to give threats, both from the streets and from the state, second thoughts about bothering or harassing the PLU. On most nights, though, security guards, city or state police, scooter kids, and randomly timed sprinklers were frequent disruptions and distractions to the space. When the potential for threats had passed, night crew would settle into their circle and begin their shift again, sharing news, jokes, and stories, sometimes laughing uproariously.

Now that we have covered the near perfection of idyllic days passing tranquilly like a lazy river, we have to discuss the less-pleasant and dangerous current underneath. Unfortunately, and heartbreakingly, yet not surprisingly: power corrupts. Patterns of abuse and manipulation emerged, nothing about that is new or interesting but when it happens in front of you by your allies and friends, not as a warning in a report back or zine, it is easy to be caught off guard and unprepared to respond. These reflections, though difficult, must be made as an accounting and apology to the victims we have failed and to serve as an attempt to prevent further and future harm.

In order to understand how harm was enabled in a horizontal, autonomously organized, setting, one must first understand that **not everyone was keeping a horizontal,**

autonomously organized setting. The concepts, ideals, and organizing principles established at the outset were almost immediately abandoned. Replacing stated ideals and principles was top-down leadership and social manipulation. In-groups against out-groups were formed and reified. Through the use of "**us against them**" language, and a constant creation of a "**them**," there formed an "**us**" that was fiercely loyal to the few in leadership calling out targets. These struggles against targets replaced all transformative justice and mediation attempts. Instead, someone was an enemy until leadership deemed that they were not. They were constantly and relentlessly targeted and attacked. Their validity, even their privacy, was publicly violated; their private messages were shown to the entire in-group and used to mock them. If they were deemed ally again, all memory of them as enemy was immediately abandoned, all harm done to them in service of the PLU was immediately forgiven and forgotten. If you were in the right, things were alright. This harmful practice was defended and denied, constantly, by referencing the abandoned principles. "*I thought we were autonomous!*" and "*I thought there were no leaders!*" were thrown out snidely, derisively, defensively by leaders when alarmed members of the space brought up the patterns of abuse. Denial of harm, denial of responsibility, denial of reality became core principles of the space.

It is time to examine how the (seemingly opposite) concepts of near perfect and enabling of harm can be present at the same event now that we have established frameworks for understanding each in the space. In mid-July, around 70 days into the encampment, a beautiful event—a talent show—was held at the PLU. It wasn't particularly well promoted or well attended but it was put on with so much heart, by so many different contributors, that it was easily one of the most incredible evenings in the space. The performers were bold and some wore beautiful, homemade, costumes. The stage was the Old Ada County Courthouse steps. The audio was a microphone tied to a wagon handle,

extended upwards to the right height. Music was performed, poetry was read, flowing was danced with LED lights (twin light up fans synced to music). It all built up to spectacular and overwhelmingly moving pair of drag performances at the end of the night. There were so many different groups and crews that showed out that, for many people on that summer night, this was the nearest to perfect that the space ever was.

Within that time and space—the most perfect evening at the PLU—an alleged sexual predator freely moved. The sexual assault allegations were still under wraps at this time but camp leadership was aware of them and was, supposedly, handling them. The two alleged victims were present that evening as well, hoping to be in community and away from their victimizer; that was not the case. The PLU leadership welcomed the alleged perpetrator and not the alleged victims on this night. The victims hid in a van at the PLU, isolated away from community, away from the beautiful night, to put distance between them and the person who had harmed them. Later, someone from the PLU leadership talked to the victims and, according to her, the victims denied the sexual assaults and that was the end of it. It was not the end of it, though. The victims disappeared from the PLU, disappeared from the area. They stopped coming around and then a graphic and heartbreaking post depicting the assaults appeared on social media in what seemed like a last ditch effort to bring the harm to light. It also included a specific call out of the PLU leadership that had failed them.

What happened after that can only be described as a shameful cover up. Instead of addressing the allegations and the failing of the victims, the same people that had failed the victims publicly washed their hands of responsibility. Instead of addressing their harm, they went on the offensive against anyone who expressed agreement with the victims' allegations of failure. "*Why is it our responsibility?*" was thrown up defensively, just another in the line of the usual denials, accusing anyone seeking to address this harm of trying to hurt the PLU. This is

not victim-led justice, it is defense led victimhood. The defense falls apart with the knowledge that leadership **responsibility began earlier when they were briefed on the situation and agreed to address it with the victims**, leading to the call out after they failed to address it. The victims needed them and reached out to them. They deserved and expected support and received none.

Protecting the space seems to have been more important than protecting the victims. Once this pattern normalized, this led to further victims from other predators in the space. The victims in those cases have not chosen to make their experiences public and so they have not been covered here. When those victims ask for justice, they should be listened to, though. They should not have to make lonely posts on social media begging for justice in order to be heard. Victims in our community should never stand alone.

Overall, most participants of the PLU did not know about this harm before the call out post. After the call out post, most accepted leadership's self absolution as another in a long line of harm that "wasn't as bad as it sounded" or things that they were not responsible for. Most people, genuinely, can claim, "I didn't know." There are those who did know, those who helped to cover up this and myriad other harms, including theft of funds meant for Palestine alongside what appears to be gross misappropriation. There was outright theft of funds, admitted to by leadership, that they felt did not need addressing because other donations were used to fill the hole created by the theft. Additionally, when questioned about the theft, leadership claimed that only half of funds raised in the encampment went to Palestine or any causes outside of the PLU. Fundraising asks, including physical signage, never mentioned that any of the money was being used by people within the encampment, for what or why. There was not informed consent that donations for Palestine were being wasted on frivolous things at the personal discretion of leadership that denied even being leadership. The asks

were, very specifically, "SAVE LIVES IN GAZA, DONATE TO US" without any transparency. Further, people dug deep into their own pockets to support the PLU organically, not knowing funds meant for Palestine were being gathered and used for it.

These three issues **-the toxic in-group culture, not standing with victims, and misuse of funds** - represent the ugly, irredeemable, aspects of the space. The people — the leaders in benefit but not responsibility— are, hopefully, redeemable, though. These failures should be examined, harm should be repaired (where possible), and we should all learn and grow from these things as we continue forward in this community and we, collectively, push for liberation of Palestine and all peoples. It is not our hope to villainize or demonize anyone with this writing. Instead, this is an effort to address the things that prevented the space from being what it could have been and what prevents us from being what we could be. We should have done better, we did not. Through honest self reflection and genuine interest in doing so: we can grow from this. We can do better going forward, but only with honesty and care.

We stand with Palestine, we stand with victims, we stand with the community.

Protests and Student Walkouts Against ICE Spread Across the US

January 31, 2025

Anger is boiling over in the streets, as demonstrations, protests, and school walkouts are spreading **against ICE raids and attacks on undocumented workers, schools and communities**. While the Trump administration has attempted to paint the raids as a way to target violent criminals, **according to NBC**, of the recent arrests in Chicago, "nearly half of those detained don't have criminal records, according to a senior Trump administration official...

[They] appear to be nonviolent offenders or people who have not committed any criminal offense other than crossing the border illegally." **Tom Homan has also doubled-down on calls for ICE to raid schools**, claiming that "many MS-13 members" are currently enrolled. These sweeping attacks on working-class communities are designed to instill fear, make people afraid of organizing for better conditions, and increase the repressive power of the State.

Since entering office, Trump has **sent more than 1,500 troops to the US/Mexico border**, closed already **limited pathways to asylum and citizenship**, and **blocked refugees from entering the country**. The day after taking office, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) **issued a statement** announcing that the administration has rescinded guidelines that previously deterred immigration police from conducting raids in locations considered "sensitive" or "protected." Trump has also **invoked the Alien Enemies Act** and attempted (and **so far failed**) to end birthright citizenship, a blatant violation of the 14th amendment. **Both Democrats and Republicans have also recently worked to pass the Laken Riley Act**, which allows the state to potentially deport, regardless of conviction, undocumented people "accused of crimes, including several misdemeanor offenses." The Trump administration has also pushed for the construction of a **30,000 person migrant prison at Guantánamo Bay**.

In response, people across the country have been organizing, **forming rapid response networks**, holding demonstrations and school walkouts, and conducting **Know Your Rights trainings**. A recent article from **The Guardian** reported on the situation in Chicago:

[T]he city has been buzzing with action. Know Your Rights workshops taking place at community centers, local parks and union meetings across the city have been packed with participants. A network of local advocates has been coordinating to track operations by Immigration and Customs



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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak - @JailLawSpeak · Feb 2

We are Black History, and we can't be erased!!!

#FTL #BlackHistory #prisonersresistance #newafrikans #abolition #burnthecrops #burntheprisons #freeallpoliticalprisoners #jailhouselawyersspeak



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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak - @JailLawSpeak · Feb 1

Reminder: ICE is the police too!

Fk Da #burntheprisons #abolition

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Kehinde @kalonge93 · Feb 1

You could learn about the Black Liberation Army and political prisoners in hip-hop magazines in the 90s.

(Source Magazine 1995)



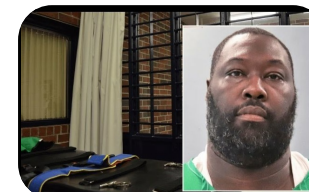
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Marion Bowman Jr. murdered by the confederate/good ol'boy state of South Carolina, third person since September.

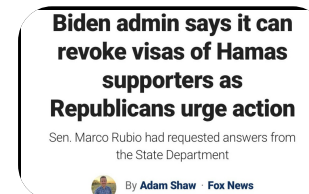
S.C will be murdering one person every 5 weeks. #burntheprisons #HumanRights #humanity



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Revolutionary Blackout @SocialistMMA · Jan 30

Never forget that Joe Biden's fascism directly led to everything that Donald Trump is about to do



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Prof Zenkus @anthonyzenkus · Jan 31

The life of a single human being is worth a million times more than all the property of the richest man on earth

-Che Guevara



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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -

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Trump is one of the visible symptoms of a crumbling empire

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We hearing Trump, the mf convicted of atleast 36 crimes, wants to deport some of us U.S. citizens from U.S. prisons for TOO MANY convictions.

Someone remind him he is a convicted person now, too

Sincerely, Jailhouse Lawyers Speak

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The Associated Press @AP · Jan 29

BREAKING: Donald Trump says he's directing the opening of a detention center at Guantanamo Bay to hold up to 30,000 migrants in the U.S. illegally.



While signing Laken Riley Act, Trump says he'll send 'worst criminal aliens' to Guantanamo President Donald Trump on Wednesday used a signing ceremony for the Laken Riley Act to announce that his administration plans to send the "worst criminal aliens" to detention in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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Melvin's plea alleges that at one time there was an unofficial policy at the prison, known as USP Big Sandy, to beat inmates in order to reduce the number of people being held in protective custody.

JLS NOTE: this is more widespread and a big issue



After the protests at the 2017 inauguration, a fierce legal struggle ensued, as prosecutors attempted to put protesters in prison for decades for the alleged crime of wearing black in the vicinity of a march.

In the end, the prosecution was completely defeated—a crucial victory for the freedom to protest and resist. Solidarity among the defendants was crucial in this struggle.

This is how they won:

<https://crimethinc.com/J20legal>



CrimethInc. Ex-Workers
@CrimethInc@todon.eu • Jan 15

To capture the protests against Trump's 2017 inauguration from multiple vantage points, we prepared a Choose Your Own Adventure game based on the experiences of participants in the black bloc march and the notorious court case that followed it.

You can play it here:

<https://crimethinc.com/i20simulator>



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In 2017, demonstrators blockaded six of the fourteen security checkpoints around the inaugural parade for several hours. Some locked themselves to the fences meant to keep them out.

You can read our live updates from the day here, in reverse chronological order:

<https://crimethinc.com/i20live>

Shortly before Trump's inaugural parade in 2017, hundreds of people gathered for an anti-capitalist, anti-fascist march. This was the notorious J20 black bloc, which left wreckage in its wake.

Though it ended in mass arrests, the police lost control of the streets for the rest of the day.

The suit-and-tie fascist Richard Spencer had showed up to the 2017 presidential inauguration, hoping that Trump's success would bring

fascism to power. When a participant in the black bloc punched Spencer, the punch became world-famous, reassuring millions that they would not be alone fighting fascism.



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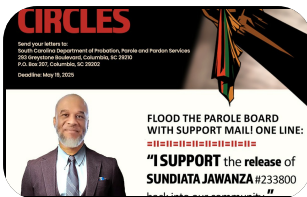
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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -

@JailLawSpeak • Feb 2

After 30 years, human rights advocate & abolitionist Sundiata Jawanza is up for parole again this June! His continued imprisonment is a direct result of his activism supporting imprisoned individuals. He needs to cover legal support fees. Raising \$3,500



Unchain Sundiata Jawanza

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Jailhouse Lawyers Speak -



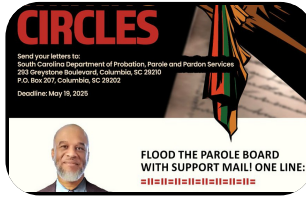
@JailLawSpeak • Feb 2

30 years unjustly trapped/imprisoned!!!

Organized a writing circles. Add Sundiata Jawanza name to your writing circles.

** Flood the parole board for his release

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A large anti-ICE protest in San Diego escalated into clashes with police after streets were taken over and an unlawful assembly was declared. Perhaps the first major protest escalation under this new regime. Love to everyone who turned out.



Enforcement (Ice) agents, and connect the families of those detained with legal aid.

Tom Homan, Trump so-called 'Border Czar' recently decried such organizing on *CNN*, claiming that people in Chicago were too educated on their rights, making ICE operations difficult.

What follows is a roundup of anti-ICE actions and protests from across the US. For more updates, follow us on [BlueSky](#) and [Mastodon](#).

Anti-ICE Actions Across the Country

Noise demonstration at the ICE building in Portland last night. Smaller group of people showed up and judging by the response and fear the feds were pretty caught off guard. The entire night there was about 4 of them actively responding while a few of their buddies kept watch inside.

— [Alissa Azar](#) (@alissaazar.bsky.social) 2025-01-21T21:26:56.457Z

Portland, OR: Anti-ICE protest and noise demonstration outside of ICE building. Riot police shoot projectile weapons at crowd; anti-ICE slogans written in graffiti.

Berkeley, CA: Rally and protest at UC Berkeley.

In 2006 - wildcat strikes + enormous protests flooded major cities with millions across the US against legislation that criminalized solidarity with migrant workers. These mass protests started with student led walkouts. These walkouts are starting again. sanjosespotlight.com/east-san-jos...

— [It's Going Down](#) (@igd.bsky.social) 2025-01-29T21:26:24.091Z

San Jose, CA: Hundreds of high school students organized a walkout, joining other anti-ICE protesters in the streets:

Hundreds of community members stopped traffic in East San Jose Tuesday afternoon while protesting against President Donald Trump's threats of mass deportations.

With lowrider trucks parked along the intersection of Story and King roads playing music, protestors marched through traffic and brought the intersection to a standstill, waving flags and with posters reading "No human is illegal on stolen land" and "Stop deportation."

At the rally's peak, protestors young and old stood on the intersection corners while others marched up and down the surrounding streets. While cars could still pass, drivers honked in support. People chanted, "Si se puede," which translates to "yes you can," and "ICE out of San Jose" as they stood on the street corners and walked up and down the roads.

"We just need to let [Trump] know he's wrong," said Teresa Alcaraz, a resident of San Jose. "We're getting our voices across because that's what we do."

The protest came two days after the first reported activity of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in San Jose since the inauguration of Trump, who came into office threatening mass deportations across the country.

A student walkout that began Tuesday afternoon at William C. Overfelt High School walked about a mile to join the protest, with students starting by sharing speeches at the school before being escorted by the lowriders on the walk. Shortly after 2:30 p.m., the two protests combined.

Riverside, CA: Protest and march against ICE.

Los Angeles, CA: Rally and Know Your Rights training.

Escondido, CA: Rally and protest against ICE.

San Diego, CA: Rally against attempt by police to work with ICE:

At times chanting "MAGA politics out of El Cajon" and holding signs that read "No police in our schools," "A nation built by immigrants" and other slogans, several people spoke outside City Council chambers and vowed to return the next day when the council takes up the resolution for a second time.

Las Vegas, NV: Rally and protest against ICE outside of Trump hotel.

Phoenix, AZ: Protest and rally against ICE.

Denver, CO: Rally and march against ICE.

A video from today's protest in Dallas. I got choked up watching it. 🥺

— [Hey Jo](#) (@jos-blue.bsky.social) 2025-01-27T06:13:10.684Z

DFW, TX: Massive protest against mass deportations:

More than 1,000 people came out to the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in a show of solidarity among immigrants and advocates opposed to the president's mass deportations. Chants of "Sí se puede" or "Yes we can," the battle cry for immigrants fighting for rights in the U.S., were heard widely and loudly.

Austin, TX: Rally and protest against ICE.

Temple, TX: Rally and protest against ICE.

San Antonio, TX: Rally and protest against ICE.

Waco, TX: Rally and protest of ICE.

Harlingen, TX: Rally and protest against ICE.

Lubbock, TX: Rally and protest against ICE.

Laredo, TX: Rally and protest against ICE.

San Marcos, TX: Rally and protest on the Texas State campus.

Lincoln, NB: [Rally and march against ICE.](#)

Omaha, NB: [“Hundreds of people were seen at the protest”](#) that lasted for more than five hours.”

Community members + students are rallying in #OklahomaCity against far-Right Trump loyalist Ryan Walters plans to deport students. Walters said he would work with Trump to target “schools + even children” + start by “collect[ing] the citizenship status of students.” #ICE [www.koco.com/article/ryan...](#)

— [It's Going Down \(@igd.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-01-29T21:40:04.601Z

Oklahoma City, OK: Community members and students held a rally outside of a recent Oklahoma State Board of Education meeting, to protest plans by far-Right Trump loyalist Ryan Walters to deport students. Students also organized a walkout on January 17th. Walters said he would work with Trump to target “schools and even children” and would start by “collect[ing] the citizenship status of students.” [From a local report:](#)

The Oklahoma State Board of Education approved proposed rule changes, including one on gathering data about student’s immigration status, at a regular meeting on Jan. 28.

This came after around 100 Oklahomans gathered at the OSDE building before the meeting to protest the rule change and Walters’ statement on letting immigration officers into schools.

The new rules would require legal guardians to provide proof of their citizenship, as well as their child’s, when enrolling their students. They would also require schools to document how many students could not provide proof of citizenship.

Walters said that the OSDE would keep that information private, but they would cooperate with law enforcement in the event of an investigation.

Lexington, KY: [Protest and march against ICE.](#)

Rogers, AK: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

St. Louis, MO: [Rally and march against ICE.](#)

Springfield, MO: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

Overland, MO: [Rally and march against ICE.](#)

NOW: Hundreds of people in the park across from Water Tower Place in Chicago to rally and march against the Trump agenda.

— [Aaron Cynic \(@aaroncynic.bsky.social\)](#) 2025-01-25T18:37:09.600Z

Chicago, IL: Mass protests and marches hit the streets against a backdrop of repression and ongoing ICE raids. As [one report wrote:](#)

A coalition of immigration activist, pro-Palestinian and other groups gathered Saturday afternoon downtown Chicago to push back against President Donald Trump’s administration.

Outrage turned to action as a coalition of communities took to the streets to express their anger over the policies of the second Trump administration.

“I just think its really important to have solidarity, especially at times like these, regardless of what’s happened,” one demonstrator said. “What’s done is done.”

Hundreds gathered Saturday afternoon at Chicago’s Water Tower Park. The march trekked down Michigan Avenue and swelled to about a thousand people before another rally was staged across the river from Trump Tower.

“We are really showing that working people are united to oppose fascism, to oppose racism, to oppose his co-president Elon Musk making Nazi salutes at the inauguration,” demonstrator

Elena Gormley said.

Columbus, OH: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

Indianapolis, IN: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

Des Moines, IA: [March and rally against ICE.](#)

Grand Rapids, MI: [Rally and march against ICE.](#)

Albertville, AL: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

Gainesville, FL: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

Tallahassee, FL: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

Gainesville, GA: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

Charleston, SC: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#) Police make several arrests as the large demonstration did not have a “permit.”

North Philadelphia, PA: [People rallied against ICE](#) following people being targeted in a recent raid.

Hackensack, NJ: [Rally and protest against ICE.](#)

International Gathering of Anarchist and Antiauthoritarian Practices Against Prisons

January 30, 2025

Invitation to international anti-prison gathering in Argentina July 18-20, 2025.

The importance of these types of gatherings, which lead to international and reproducible agitation, are essential for sharing experiences in the war against domination. To continue the initiative of the International Gathering of Anarchist and Antiauthoritarian Practices against Borders which was organized by compafierxs in Tijuana, Mexico, on this occasion the invitation is to reflect on our practices around the

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While some wring their hands about the return of Donald Trump, others are getting organized to resist and defend each other.

Read reports from Festivals of Resistance that drew hundreds of people to dozens of events around the United States this past weekend.

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We can do this! 📢



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Assembled at his inauguration, we see the oligarchs who lined up to bring Donald Trump back to power. Capitalism has always meant rule by billionaires, but it is especially noxious that this particular billionaire has returned to office by pretending to oppose “the elite.” In fact, the new Trump administration represents the intensification of state violence for the benefit of the ultra-rich. They regard the rest of us as disposable resources in their quest for total domination.

We have to fight them with everything we’ve got.

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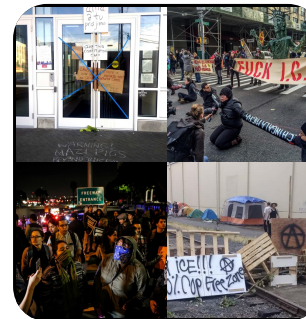
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Donald Trump is threatening to begin his second presidency with a new round of gratuitous violence targeting undocumented families.

In 2017-2018, people around the US blockaded airports, freeways, and ICE facilities. There were school walkouts, demonstrations, and barricades. By fighting back ambitiously, people limited the scope of what ICE could do.

There are things we can do to resist. Let’s stand up for each other. 📢

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Footage of the billboard from the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway.



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Yesterday, on the Day of the Forest Defender, in honor of Manuel “Tortuguita” Terán—murdered by Georgia State Troopers two years ago while defending Weelaunee Forest—people took over a billboard on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to celebrate Tortuguita’s courage. From a statement:

“The writers of this message took over a billboard on one of NYC’s largest highways, used by 130,000 vehicles daily. We covered a CopShot police billboard—that recruits informants with a \$10,000 bribe—with a tribute to Tortuguita and all land defenders. In the context of a city that spends \$29 million dollars a day on policing, off the side of a highway that displaced thousands of families with a stroke of

a pen, we replace the state’s cowardly propaganda with a commemoration of land defenders’ sacrifice and struggle. Collective memory animates our will to destroy this empire that is killing us and our planet. As the US funnels billions into building Cop Cities across the country in its latest attempt to repress us, they concede what we already know—that rebellion is inevitable.

“Viva Tortuguita and All Land Defenders. We Will Destroy This Empire, with Earth as Our Witness.”

Full statement:

[www.instagram.com/p/DFBfjbayKvX](#)

More background:

<https://crimethinc.com/AtlantaSolidar>



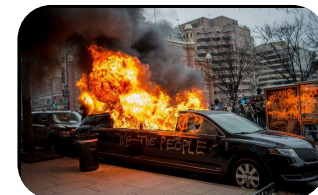
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In 2017, it made sense to concentrate numbers in DC to demonstrate what resisting Trump could look like. The tactics that a few hundred people employed on the first day of Trump’s presidency were being used by hundreds of thousands by the summer of 2020.

In 2025, the second round of this fight is about to begin all across the country with mass deportations and repression. This time, people are gathering in their communities to share skills and prepare:

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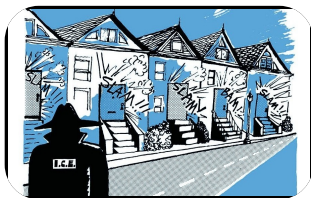
The struggle continues.



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Shall you be overcome.

-Edna St. Vincent Millay



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Today, for the seventh time, a fixed electoral process will return the despot Aleksandr Lukashenko to power in Belarus. Last time he held an "election," in 2020, an uprising nearly toppled his government:

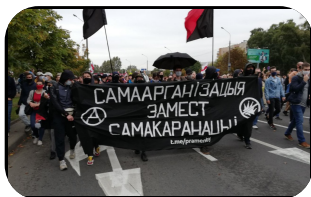
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For now, it appears that Belarus will remain under his rule until Vladimir Putin loses control in the region. Belarus offers a cautionary tale about the consequences of the kind of autocracy that is taking hold around the world, including in the United States.

But according to the Belarusian anarchist project Pramen,

"On Sunday, Lukashenko will celebrate himself in the company of people he will never be able to trust. Looking around, he will drink to victory, knowing full well that this victory means absolutely nothing. The day after the elections, Belarusian society will continue to resist by organizing sabotage actions on critical infrastructure, supporting prisoners, fighting in workplaces and universities—our desire for freedom is stronger than any repression and the dreams of dictators and tyrants about huge empires and stable regimes. Sooner or later, our struggle will free us from the shackles of the dictator, showing the whole world how ordinary people without huge resources can determine their future independently of empires."

<https://pramen.io/ru/2025/01/bez-variantov-dlya-vybora/>



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If you feel despair, if you feel defeated, if you catch yourself dissociating or focusing on what our oppressors are doing rather than on what you can do yourself—that is territory that the enemy has claimed within you.

Give them nothing. Focus on your agency. Every hour, every day, wherever you are positioned, there are things you can do to resist. Take good care of yourself and those around you. Watch for opportunities and seize them.

We are in a fight. We have to focus. But it is a fight that we can win.

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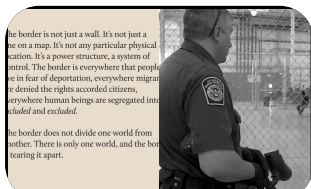
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Trump's immigration policy is performative violence intended to pacify restless white people. But it won't actually improve their lives—only raise their relative status by ruining others' lives. It is the perfect distraction for a billionaire determined to concentrate wealth and power in his own hands at everyone else's expense.

What Trump does to the undocumented today will eventually be done to many more people. If the rest of us do not act in solidarity now, we cannot expect others to act in solidarity with us when we are the ones being arrested and herded into detention centers.

Solidarity is self-defense.

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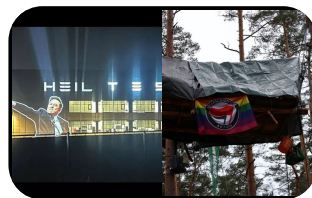
You may have seen this image of Elon Musk's Nazi salute projected onto Tesla's Gigafactory in Berlin.

But you may not know that last year, anarchists occupied the adjacent forest to block the expansion of the Gigafactory and used direct action to shut down electricity to it.

Read all about it:

<https://crimethinc.com/TeslaGermany>

There are concrete things we can do to resist.



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Elon Musk made the Nazi salute twice at Trump's inauguration.

Musk bought Twitter to reinstate Nazis. He supports the German fascist party AfD. He has spread antisemitic "replacement" rhetoric.

Yet the ADL is making excuses for him because, like them, he supports the genocide of Palestinians.

Unsurprisingly, fascism looks a bit different this time around than it did a century ago. But it already has its Henry Ford, its autocrats, its scapegoats against whom to direct anger, its sacrificial violence.

We should have no illusions about what we're up against.

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subject of prisons, taking into account the intensity and varied forms in which prisons inhabit us. Necessary to the antiauthoritarian struggle, it is essential to amplify our reflection on prisons and how they not only manifest in a determined time and space, but also how they are embodied in our everyday lives, even in nature and non-human animals.

Extractivism, speciesism, patriarchy, urbanization, punished bodies, coercion, technology, militarism, colonialism, authoritarianism, etc. are just some of the practices that are reproduced inside prisons. We invite individuals, collectives, and other initiatives to share their continued antagonistic reflection and practice against prisons with conversations, contracultural projects, or audio-visual materials, graphics, or performances that relate to a thinking/acting against prisons. The intention is to map the role that prisons currently play in our imaginations, from the collective to the individual. We believe in the necessity to sharpen our ideas and practices, from an ethics of horizontalism, mutual care, self-organization, and autonomy, to confront the hegemony of power, from anarchist anti-authoritarian multiformity and anti-prison internationalism.

Information and a closing date for proposals will be updated as things develop.

Link to register for the event:
<http://bit.ly/encuentroar>

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Encuentro Internacional de Prácticas Anárquicas y Antiautoritarias Contra las Prisiones

18-20 de julio de 2025 en Argentina.

Convocatoria

La importancia de este tipo de encuentros que llevan a la agitación internacional y reproducibles son esenciales para compartir nuestras experiencias en la guerra contra el

dominio. Es por eso que como continuación a la iniciativa del Encuentro Internacional de Prácticas Anárquicas y Antiautoritarias Contra las Fronteras realizada por compañerxs en Tijuana, México. Se retoma dicha iniciativa en esta ocasión invitando a reflexionar nuestras prácticas en torno a las Prisiones, tomando en cuenta la intensidad y las variadas formas en que las prisiones nos habitan. Pues como necesidad antiautoritaria es esencial ampliar la reflexión en cuanto las prisiones y como estas no sólo se concentran en un espacio o tiempo determinado, sino también estas como encarnan en nuestra cotidianidad hasta en la naturaleza y animales no humanos.

Extractivismo, especismo, patriarcado, urbanismo, cuerpos en castigo, coacción, cárceles, tecnología, militarismo, colonialismo, autoritarismo, etc. Son algunas de las prácticas que se originan dentro de las prisiones. Por ello, convocamos a toda individualidad, colectiva o iniciativa a compartir el continuo reflexionar/prácticas antagónicas contra las prisiones, conversatorios, proyectos kontrakulturales, presentaciones de material audiovisual-gráfico-escénico que gire en torno a un pensar/que hacer contra las prisiones. Con el propósito de mapear el papel en el actualmente se encuentran las prisiones en nuestro imaginario, desde lo colectivo a individual. Creemos en la necesidad de afilar nuestras ideas/prácticas, a partir de la horizontalidad, cuidado mutuo, autogestión y autonomía, para enfrentar la hegemonía del poder, desde la multiformidad anárquica antiautoritaria y el internacionalismo anti-carcelario.

Información y cierre de convocatoria se irá actualizando

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Global Days of Action: Justice for Samir Flores!

January 30, 2025

Call for Global Days of Action and Solidarity: Justice for Samir Flores! Six years of Impunity!

To the Adherents of the Declaration for Life,

Brothers and Sisters,

Six years have passed since the life of our brother Samir Flores Soberanes was taken from him. Six years that the government who had Samir killed has governed. Six years of continued deceit, imposition, and contempt for our people. Six years of resistance, rebellion, and struggle for life. Six years of Samir being an inspiration and seed in the construction of autonomy, of another possible world.

"Justice for Samir" shouts every single community, place, and heart of those who knew Samir before and after his death. "Justice" we shout from the struggle for life in Gaza, in Chiapas, in Ostula, in the struggle against the trash dump in Cholula, in the shout of the families of our disappeared brothers and sisters, in the struggle against the Military Maya Train, against the Iberoceanic Corridor, against xenophobia, forced displacement, mining, dams, trains, industrial corridors, gas pipelines, thermoelectric plants, fracking, real estate cartels, the trash business. "Justice" shouts the resistance in defense of rivers, oceans, and bodies of water, of the forests and autonomous spaces on the earth and in the air. Samir constructed justice during his life.

Six years since the cruel assassination on February 20, 2019 in Amilcingo, Morelos, three days before the consultation imposed by Andrés Manuel López Obrador to legitimize his change of mind and to impose the Morelos Integral Project, the killers of Samir Flores continue free and governing. Six years of impunity, six years of the impossibility of those responsible being punished because those responsible are the government and they can easily escape the justice of the state, because they are the state...

But justice can be found in the

struggle for life, and yes, in our demand, perhaps absurd, of the killers being punished, of undressing the capitalist king and the Mexican narco-government who ordered the killing of Samir.

Six years since the assassination of Samir, we invite the adherents of the Declaration for Life to dedicate a moment, an instant, a sowing of memory, life, and rebellion of our compañero Samir Flores Soberanes on February 20, 21, 22, or 23, constructing in a decentralized manner the "Global Days of Action and Solidarity: Justice for Samir Flores Soberanes! Six years of impunity!"

During these days in Mexico, United States, Euskal Herria, France, and Italy, folks will install six statues of Samir, sowing his memory in the dignified territories of our brothers and sisters in countries whose companies are or were involved in the Morelos Integral Project: Eleonor (Euskal Herria), Saint Gobain (France), Bonatti (Italy), Macquaire (United States), Narco-government (Mexico), so that the responsibility of the global capitalist government for the death of Samir and the struggle for life isn't forgotten.

But not only with statues is the memory of our compañero being sown, but also with the struggle for dignified housing of the Otomi community in Mexico City who have founded the House of the Peoples "Samir Flores Soberanes," which was before the offices of the National Institute of Indigenous Peoples. In a tree in the resistance camp in Lutzerath, Germany, in a song, poem, drawing, discussion, video, photo, painting, recording, flower or fruit. In all of those our brother Samir Flores Soberanes is present.

We call on the adherents of the Declaration for Life to heed the call with an action or a discussion for the "Global Days of Solidarity and Action: Justice for Samir Flores Soberanes! Six years of impunity!" on February 20, 21, 22, or 23 or when your realities allow it.

Justice will come from below and to the left, in common.

For the integral reconstruction of our communities.

Peoples Front in Defense of Land and Water Morelos, Puebla, Tlaxcala

National Indigenous Congress

Zapatista Army of National Liberation

For information or to register your activity:
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Solidarity Wins: Jury finds Eugene, OR Protesters Against the Genocide in Palestine Innocent

January 28, 2025

Report on end of trials of protesters in Eugene, WA arrested for protesting against the ongoing genocide in Palestine.

On April 15th, 2024 thousands of people around the world participated in an autonomously organized and coordinated economic blockade to free Palestine. "There is a sense in the streets," the proposal for the action stated, "in this recent and unprecedented movement for Palestine that escalation has become necessary: there is a need to shift from symbolic actions to those that cause pain to the economy." In 82 cities, 19 countries, actions blockaded ports, airports, highways, city squares, and weapons manufacturers, seeing potentially millions of dollars in unrealized profits and over 400 arrests.

62 of those arrests were in Eugene, Oregon, where Interstate 5 was blockaded by cars and protestors for about an hour before over 100 police from state, county, and city departments cleared the highway. Those arrested were charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct in the second degree. The majority of the defendants were offered

diversion "plea deals," while the state singled out three protestors to whom they refused to offer deals, including a Palestinian student organizer. The defendants organized over the following months intentionally to engage in collective defense, hoping that threatening to take 62 cases to trial would be leverage enough to force the state to offer everyone equal treatment or even to drop the charges.

The state refused every attempt at negotiation after rallies, letters, phone zaps, and meetings between the DA and public defenders and movement lawyers. As time went on, and defendants felt the mounting impact of the arrests and pending charges on their housing, jobs, health, and broader lives, more and more defendants accepted the plea deals. Many still intended to take their cases to trial in solidarity with their comrades facing more serious repression. 11 trials occurred between October 2024 and January 2025, with 11 guilty verdicts returned. Defendants attempted to put the US government's unwavering support of genocide on trial, using pre-trial 'choice of evils' hearings to bring in experts to testify about Palestine and direct action, such as a UN special rapporteur, and taking the stand themselves to explain their actions.

The state attempted at every avenue to de-politicize the action, framing it as a case about "selfishness," and judges frequently denied defendants' ability to even talk about Palestine on the stand, while also rejecting expert testimony or defense strategies that could bring the US funding of genocide into view. When it came time for the Palestinian student activist to go to trial along with their Lebanese co-defendant, it seemed like all strategies of collective defense had failed. The "choice of evils" pre-trial hearing ended with the judge refusing multiple expert witnesses the ability to testify in front of the jury about US complicity in the genocide in Palestine.

Yet, at the end of the trial, the jury returned a "not guilty" verdict, acquitting both defendants. Was it jury nullification? Was it simply



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You can extinguish tear gas canisters!

Wearing heat-proof gloves, submerge the canister in a wide-mouthed water jug containing baking soda, dish soap, and/or vegetable oil —3 tablespoons of each per liter of water.

Cover the top with one hand, just enough to keep the gas from getting out, and shake the jug.

Never seal a bottle containing an active tear gas canister—you don't want it to explode.

One role you could play at demonstrations is to show up prepared to protect your fellow human beings from toxic gas, in case the mercenaries deploy it.

You can learn more here:

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The police who attacked people protesting ICE raids in San Diego, Atlanta, and elsewhere this weekend are the same police that Joe Biden made excuses for and increased funding to.

The future will be tyranny or liberation. Let no one imagine that they can sit on the fence.

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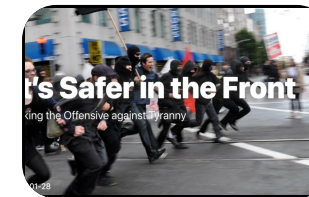
It's Safer in the Front

Faced with intensifying repression and state violence, there is an understandable inclination to seek safety by avoiding confrontation.

But this is not always the most effective strategy.

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"Counterintuitively, in a confusing situation, often the best, if not safest, place to be is the front lines, so you can see what is going on around you."



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Thirteen years ago today—during a demonstration in Oakland, California, one participant demonstrates the proper meaning of "armchair anarchist." 🏴‍☠️

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If you're being forced out of the military on account of your gender as a result of Trump's return to power, we invite you to enlist in the real struggle for freedom. This is more honorable than fighting on behalf of those who hate you—and it's a fight that we cannot avoid.

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Allies: The best way you can support trans people is by ensuring that none of us ever has to join the army in the first place. Help us fight for access to health care, community, camaraderie, self-respect, and options for survival that don't come at the expense of others' survival. We shouldn't have to hire on as mercenaries for the biggest armed gang in the world to get those things.

Others in the trans community: The best way we can fight for our own liberation and the liberation of all people is to create a world in which the US military does not and cannot exist. When we legitimize the US military, we are legitimizing the very weapons that politicians like Trump will employ against us. The purpose of institutions like the US military is to impose control by means of coercive force; they have always been used against those on the margins of society. Participating in these institutions is no way to achieve self-determination: the stronger they are, the less assured our own freedom will be.



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I shall die, but that is all that I shall do for Death; I am not on his payroll.

I will not tell him the whereabouts of my friends nor of my enemies either. Though he promise me much, I will not map him the route to any man's door. Am I a spy in the land of the living, that I should deliver men to Death? Brother, the password and the plans of our city are safe with me; never through me



Mass demonstrations in **#SanDiego** against **#ICE** and in solidarity with immigrant workers targeted by Trump last night were attacked by riot police in heavily armored vehicles with tear gas, after protesters rallied and occupied streets with flags and music for hours. Photo via /omartinezjtj.



"On Friday, January 31st, up to a thousand students and community members mobilized against four neo-Nazis involved in College Republicans United, a group known for sponsoring numerous events featuring white supremacists. Students linked arms and stood in front of the neo-Nazis, who had set up a table and were encouraging students to report undocumented people on campus to ICE and called on the Trump regime to escalate its attacks on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients.

Protesters handed out zines outing the neo-Nazis to the student body along with information on the rights of undocumented people. At one point, a protester flipped the neo-Nazi's table over. After about an hour, the fascists packed up and left. As AZ Central reported, "They were opposed by hundreds, who protested by marching in a circle around them and led chants in support of the immigrant community."

#Arizona #ASU #ICE #Trump

<https://itsgoingdown.org/students-shut-down-pro-ice-neo-nazi-demonstration-on-asu-campus/>



Students Shut Down Pro-ICE Neo-Nazi Demonstration on ASU Campus
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Updates on recent wins by the Seattle Solidarity Network's recent campaign against wage theft in **#Seattle** area.

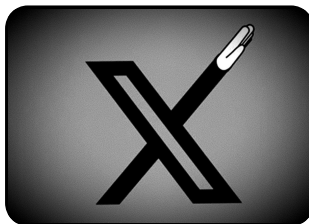
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"Trump is not a solution to the problems caused by decades of neoliberalism, but the acceleration of the capitalist forces that pushed it forward.

The future is here, you just weren't invited."

<https://itsgoingdown.org/good-night-tech-right-pull-the-plug-on-ai-fascism/>



Good Night, Tech-Right: Pull the Plug on AI Fascism
On January 20th, at a ceremony attended by both far-Right and neo-fascist leaders from around the globe and some of the richest tech billion...



Many predicting Trump's tariffs, which he claims will begin on

Saturday, "will increase inflation, slow economic growth, hurt US workers and result in American consumers footing the bill for his tariffs."

Link up with your local mutual aid organization.
<https://www.theguardian.com/business/tariffs-us-economy>



Why Trump tariffs will be 'very bad for America and for the world' If enacted tariffs will increase inflation, slow economic growth, and result in US consumers footing the bill



As Tom Homan doubles-down on claims that ICE will raid schools, protesters hit the streets of cities across the US and students organize school walkouts to demand an end to **#ICE** raids.

Check out roundup here:
<https://itsgoingdown.org/protests-and-student-walkouts-against-ice-spreads-across-us/>



Protests and Student Walkouts Against ICE Spread Across the US
Anger is boiling over in the streets, as demonstrations, protests, and school walkouts are spreading against ICE raids and attacks on docu...



As neo-Nazis and Proud Boys walk free, a Jewish journalist, Alex Stokes, who got a staggering 20 years in prison for defending himself and three of his friends from Proud Boys on January 6th at the New York state capitol, just had his appeal denied. Support Alex, send a letter. Donate.

<https://freealexstokes.com/>

that the state's clear political repression of Palestine solidarity was more evident than "evidence" of crime? Was it the defendant's powerful testimony on their personal relationship to the land, people, and resistance in Palestine and Lebanon? All we know is that the state failed in all regards - especially in its attempt to repress Palestine solidarity actions, collective solidarity, and the individual Palestinian activist they singled out, and we know that together we are stronger than the state's best efforts to repress us.

Our hearts are bursting with love and rage for those behind the closed doors of the jury deliberation room who remained steadfast in their determination not to participate in the state's repression of Palestine solidarity!

The following is a statement from the **A15 Eugene for a Free Palestine Instagram**:

Our two dear Palestinian & Lebanese A15 co-defendants were unanimously acquitted today! Despite state repression that sought to divide us in its attempt to criminalize Palestinian solidarity, we stood strong in collective defense, demanding the state to treat us all equally & to drop the charges against our Palestinian comrade. Of course the state refused to negotiate and 12 of our courageous comrades went to trial in solidarity with those not offered plea deals, all so far receiving guilty verdicts. Today, however, we demonstrated the power of collective solidarity. We did not back down despite the threats of jail time, punitive fines, & probation.

We stood strong for our comrades who told the jury exactly why direct action against the US facilitation of genocide is not only necessary but right—and the jury did the right thing. They found our comrades not guilty. We fight for the liberation of Palestine, we fight against american imperialism, & we fight the arbitrary & punitive power of state repression!

Solidarity is the only fucking

thing we have.

From the defendants:

Today, we witnessed something none of us thought could happen. In a place where justice and humanity is actively repressed and punished, we collectively triumphed over it. We showed the state and the imperial core that we are stronger than their attempts to repress us. Solidarity and truth won in a place, and against a system, that actively preys on it. With love and rage. Free Palestine.

- Our Palestinian comrade, Salem

This victory wasn't won through the court system, it was won through uncompromising solidarity and love. I don't believe this would have happened if it weren't for the support of our co-defendants and comrades.

Throughout my whole life, I have struggled to find a place in this world that seems so hell bent on destruction—but I have found community in others who realize that if there is no place for us in this world, we'll have to build a new one, a world that recognises that to be alive on this earth is a sacred and beautiful thing. This new world lives in the action in solidarity with Gaza on April 15, in the solidarity we've shown each other throughout the legal process, in the streets, in resistance everywhere.

My co-defendants who were convicted for their actions on April 15th were found guilty of 'inconvenience.' Tens of thousands of lives have been cut short in Gaza in the last year alone. Resistance against genocide is a matter of life and death, not convenience. We owe it to the people of Gaza to stop this genocide—we also owe it to ourselves. The land we stand on today is shaped by ongoing colonial violence. We are tasked with remaking the world, and this will not be convenient.

Thank you to all my co-defendants and co-conspirators. FREE PALESTINE.

- Our Lebanese comrade, K

Thank you to the CLDC and public defenders for having our backs—and for refusing to leave Palestine out of the courtroom.

Thank you to the jury who didn't waver.

Thank you to all the comrades in Eugene for showing us what solidarity looks like.

Free Palestine! From the River to the Sea!

Good Night, Tech-Right: Pull the Plug on AI Fascism

January 26, 2025

On January 20th, at a ceremony attended by both far-Right and neo-fascist leaders from around the globe and some of the richest tech billionaires in the world, including the heads of Apple, Google, Facebook, TikTok, Twitter, and Amazon, Donald Trump took power for the second time. In exchange for tech elites financially backing his campaign and inauguration, Trump has already announced massive new investments in tech infrastructure, focused primarily around Artificial Intelligence (AI) and has pushed to expand into cryptocurrencies.

The start of Trump's second term has been marked by a flurry of executive orders, designed to test the existing legal institutions and the loyalty of the Republican party, as he sends active-duty troops to the southern border, calls to end birthright citizenship which is enshrined in the 14th amendment, and demands that his far-Right loyalists be approved by the Senate.

Trump wants extreme executive power, but more broadly, his larger agenda is directly tied to the interests of the tech billionaires who forked out millions to put him in the White House. Since riding down his golden escalator, Trump has built a political machine off of weaponizing anger by those de-classed and immiserated by neoliberal policies, painting the

Democrats as both radical leftists and corporate elites. Yet it is these billionaires, who became rich through these very policies, who Trump now works to carry out an agenda for.

Rise of the Tech-Right

This emerging “brologarchy” has been marked by a continuing shift by many tech elites towards authoritarian and neo-reactionary ideas, represented most strongly by people like Peter Thiel and Curtis Yarvin, who reject “democracy in all its forms” and call “some form of state-as-corporation.” Yarvin, also known by the pen-name Mencius Moldbug, is a software engineer who called for turning houseless people into “biodiesel,” pushes racist pseudo-science, and advocates for transforming the US into a monarchy, run of course, by a CEO. Yarvin has been cited as an influence by JD Vance, himself a protégé of Thiel. Elon Musk, who worked with Thiel at PayPal, and who during a celebration following Trump’s recent inauguration, repeatedly gave several Nazi salutes to a crowd of adoring MAGA fans, also has a long history of promoting authoritarian, white nationalist, and neo-fascist ideals and movements. After buying Twitter in 2022, Musk welcomed neo-Nazis and far-Right influencers back onto Twitter, purged it of antifascist accounts, embraced neo-fascist parities like the AfD in Germany (Musk just recently spoke at an AfD campaign event), attacked unions and labor organizing, and has rallied in support of anti-Semitic and white nationalist conspiracy theories. Tech billionaires like Zuckerberg have also recently begun to move towards far-Right ideas, while Amazon billionaire Jeff Bezos, has cozied up to Trump while suppressing journalists critical of him at *The Washington Post*, which he owns.

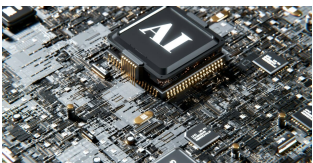


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But supporting Trump in the 2024 election is not the first push into right-wing politics by tech elites. In the bay area of California, right-wing tech capitalists have also recently helped engineer and spearhead campaigns alongside “traditional business and real estate elites in an effort to oust some of its most progressive leaders and undo its most progressive policies.” Utilizing a network of AstroTurf organizations, as Mission Local reported:

[B]illionaire-backed pressure groups that have mushroomed in San Francisco, exhorting progressives for urban ills from drug-infested streets to sclerotic housing production, one stands head and shoulders above the rest.

Neighbors for a Better San Francisco Advocacy, the group launched in 2020 and backed largely by real estate and technology money, has in short order become the most well-funded, top-spending organization active in San Francisco politics.

It supplied the majority of the spending to recall then-District Attorney Chesa Boudin in 2022, and was the No. 1 spender in the school-board recalls that same year. Neighbors alone accounted for more than one of every \$10 spent in San Francisco political campaigns between 2020 and 2024 — at least \$8.7 million of \$80.3 million total, according to an analysis of campaign finance data.

The group, a “social welfare” nonprofit founded by two Realtor lobbyists and backed by Republican mega-donors, almost exclusively spends on law-and-order causes, backing tough-on-crime policies and candidates far more than housing, transit or other policy issues.

While the group was initially focused on supervisorial races, it quickly expanded and successfully funneled millions to recall the district attorney, reverse

criminal justice reforms, fight alternatives to incarceration and bolster the police department.

In San Francisco, tech elites weaponized and manufactured hatred of the houseless to push through attacks on progressive policies and elected officials, rolling back criminal justice reforms and promoting a return to drug-war era “law and order,” which has helped to accelerate gentrification and displacement in the bay area. This embrace of reactionary policies in a progressive bastion of California mirrors the growing support by many tech billionaires for Trump, which is driven in part by ideology but centered around shared class interests. As the Green European Journal wrote:

There are a few reasons why the tech right is more politically active and visible now than in previous US elections. For one, the group has found political leadership that has been eager to adopt its priorities on issues like AI and crypto (the 2024 Republican Party Platform includes plans to deregulate both industries)...The US technology sector is facing more direct competition from Chinese companies, which has helped create a different investment environment with higher interest rates. This has also caused priorities to change, and venture capitalists are now putting more money into defence companies such as Anduril, the weapons maker backed by the billionaire entrepreneur Peter Thiel. Government contracts, especially in the areas of defence and border security, provide a stable flow of income. As Silicon Valley’s relationship with the US government changes, so too do the priorities of the investor class.

The emerging bloc of tech oligarchs, who saw the Biden administration as too committed to regulation and competition within the capitalist marketplace, see Trump as an instrument who will cut regulations and taxes, rewarding tech corporations with lucrative government contracts, especially as Musk moves to slash state spending and move towards privatization. Trump’s push to “drill, baby, drill,”

Sincerely,

Movement of Articulation of the Forgotten Peoples of the Cañada (MAPOC)

Police Attack Anti-Deportation Rally, Three Arrested in Gary, IN

January 20, 2025

Report back on recent anti-deportation demonstration in Gary, Illinois.

More than 75 people gathered outside the Gary/Chicago International Airport on January 18th to protest deportations regularly carried out at the airport by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Demonstrators said they also gathered to protest ahead of Trump’s inauguration on the 20th as part of a nationwide call for “festivals of resistance.”

The Gary/Chicago International Airport has been used since at least 2013 to fly deportees out of the region. GlobalX, an airline company based in Miami, FL, subcontracts with ICE to deport people every Friday from Gary/Chicago airport to Kansas City, MO before taking them out of the country. More than 19,000 people were deported out of Gary between 2013 and 2017 according to public records obtained through a Freedom of Information request by a local organizer.

Demonstrators were leaving the airport on foot Saturday morning when around two dozen Gary police officers descended on them. Officers grabbed and arrested two protestors who were in the process of complying with police instructions. A photojournalist was also seized and arrested by the officers while documenting the other arrests, in what amounts to a violent attack on the freedom of the press.

The march, held two days before Donald Trump takes power for a second time, represents the Gary community’s commitment to their

immigrant neighbors in the face of state violence, but builds on the diligent work of community organizers over the years. Since 2017, interfaith groups, immigrant rights activists, and rank-and-file union workers from East Chicago and elsewhere in northwest Indiana regularly held prayer circles and other peaceful protests, but had not been met with significant repression.

“This is an unprecedented escalation in police violence against immigrant solidarity protests in Northwest Indiana. This makes sense, though, in the context of rising Trumpism, as well as the pattern of violence in the Region against our Black neighbors and striking workers,” said an organizer of the demonstration.

“In order to protect ICE operations separating Chicagoland families, Gary police carried out the first arrests of the second Trump administration, even before the inauguration. This is a crucial reminder that the police do not keep our communities safe, we do” said a local resident in attendance.”

On Friday, Beatriz Ponce de Leon, deputy mayor for immigrant, migrant and refugee rights, publicly announced that ICE is planning to conduct street sweeps for undocumented people in the coming weeks. ICE contractors use the Gary airport to evade sanctuary regulations and widespread opposition in Chicago.

From Embers: Report from Montreal’s NYE Noise Demo

January 20, 2025

From Emberspodcast reports on the recent noise demo on New Year’s Eve in Laval.

A discussion with two organizers of this year’s New Year’s Eve noise demo in Laval. We discuss how things went, prisoner solidarity organizing in Montreal, the value of noise demos as an anarchist tactic and tradition, and where we might

go from here.

Thanks to [CKUT Prison Radio](#) for the live footage.

Links:

[Video from Clash MTL](#)

[Report from 2025 Hamilton Noise Demo](#)

[Seven Years Against Prison:](#) On the practice of noise demos outside of prisons in Southern Ontario (pdf link)

[It’s Going Down Roundup of 2025 NYE Noise Demos](#)

[Rafales: An Anarchist Learning Camp](#)

[Constellation Anarchist Festival](#)

[December 2018 From Embers episode about noise demos](#)

[What Happened to Prisoners Justice Day?](#)



Workers in DC are fighting to block Musk’s minions.

“About 100 Federal employees and supporters...blocked the doors to...‘data miners’....The small group of young men eventually left without entering after the protesters would not let them near the front doors.”

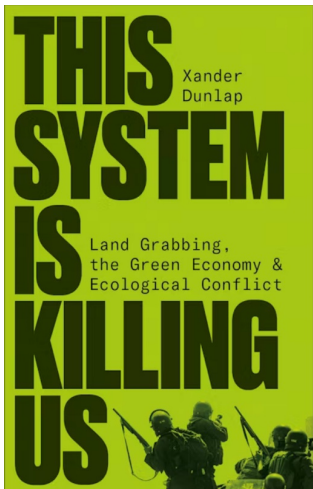
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Calls on social media are growing for February 3rd to be a [#undiasinmigrantes](#) [#adaywithoutimmigrants](#).

Similar calls in 2006 led to mass student walkouts, enormous protests, and wildcat strikes against anti-immigrant legislation, flooding city centers with millions of people.





On today's show we have a conversation with Xander Dunlap, author of the recent book [*The System Is Killing Us: Land Grabbing, the Green Economy, and Ecological Conflict*](#), out with Pluto Press. In this conversation we discuss the current state of ecological resistance movements, the problems introduced by eco-Leninism, the concept of permanent ecological conflict, and the notion of home and connection to place in land struggles.

You can find Xander on [Twitter](#) and [Bluesky](#).

Xander is also involved in a new and exciting publishing project called Rupture Press, [check it out here](#).

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Mazatec Resistance Denounces the Municipal Government of Huautla de Jiménez, Oaxaca

January 22, 2025

The Movement of Articulation of the Forgotten Peoples of the Cañada (MAPOC) denounce the clientelism and false discourses of

the municipal president of Huautla de Jiménez, Oaxaca, David García Martínez.

To the Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN)

To the National Indigenous Congress (CNI)

To the Public Opinion

To the Indigenous Peoples of Mexico and the World

To the Media

To our Mazatec Brothers and Sisters

The Sierra Mazateca of Oaxaca has historically been subjected to the interests of political parties who since the last century have done extensive damage to the fabric of our communities. This situation has favored the exploitation of our resources and the weakening of our traditional forms of organization.

In this context, in recent years, David García Martínez has implemented a politics of clientelism seeking to convert Huautla de Jiménez into a node of tourism and extractivism, benefiting external interests using a discourse of modernity. However, his administration has been characterized by an increase in violence, femicides, the fragmentation of communities, and the enrichment of the few, while our communities face the deterioration of our collective life.

Recently, the Public Prosecutor's Office of the State of Oaxaca announced that David García Martínez will face charges for the crime of attempted homicide. He was charged after being arrested on January 8 on Lazaro Cardenas Street in the municipality of Santa Lucia del Camino, in front of the *Centro Cultural y de Convenciones de Oaxaca*. It is important to remember that García Martínez, who won the municipal elections on June 2 of last year on a coalition ticket of the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD) and the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), has already been municipal president twice. This is his third term in office.

During his rule, David García Martínez has obstructed autonomous processes and the self-determination of the different communities of Huautla de Jiménez that haven't aligned with his logic, including communities who he considers his opponents, imposing his close associates as authorities. This practice has generated a climate of political violence fracturing even more the community dynamics.

Today, alluding to Zapatista and Magonista discourses, he is trying to position himself as a political prisoner. From our perspective, this is a maneuver to instrumentalize the social struggle for personal ends, distorting the values that guide genuine resistance of Indigenous peoples. In his current situation David García Martínez likes to mention the principals of freedom, however during his administration he has forgotten about justice for the communities of our municipality, denying them their free self-determination.

As Mazatecs organized in different collectivities and communities without political party affiliation, and as participants in the National Indigenous Congress, we strongly pronounce that David García Martínez is not part of our movement.

We distance ourselves completely from his narrative which does not represent the principles, objectives, nor the autonomy of those of us who defend our territory, our culture, and our forms of community life.

Furthermore, we make clear that whatever repression against our communities or community organizers that might take place is the responsibility of David García Martínez, his political allies, and the municipal government that he leads.

We call on society in general not to be fooled by these manipulative discourses and to show solidarity with the true struggles of Indigenous peoples. These struggles do not seek individual economic interests, but to preserve life, justice, and dignity in our communities.

is also [central to their project of boosting AI infrastructure](#), as [AI requires massive amounts of energy and water](#).

In short, the [technocrats bought and paid for Trump's presidency](#), and they plan to cash in on everything: from expanded AI production, laws that favor their companies and [shield them from regulations](#), to profiting off mass detention, surveillance, and war. *And baby, business is good.*

Trump and the Tech-Right

Such a process has already begun, as Trump has announced a [\\$500 billion deal](#) (mainly for [data centers and power plants](#)) with OpenAI, a move that has also led to [tensions within the tech elite](#), as Musk has taken to trashing OpenAI, which he helped co-found, and its CEO, Sam Altman, the creator of ChatGPT. At the border, corporations like Palantir, which was "co-founded by the billionaire [Peter Thiel](#), [have] received more than \$1 billion over the past four years," and are playing a central role in providing ICE with tech. [Meanwhile at the Pentagon](#), "Palantir and Anduril, two major players in defense technology, are in talks with SpaceX, OpenAI, Scale AI, and Saronic to form a powerful consortium aimed at reshaping how the U.S. government procures military technology," by pushing AI driven "defense technologies." For the billionaire elite, [the future looks bright](#), "as venture capitalists bet on increased federal spending on national security, immigration, and space exploration."

And while the war pigs eat their fill, social media companies are hard at work providing the public with bread and circuses. Twitter ([despite struggling to bring in money](#)) [remains a platform for mass right-wing disinformation](#), as [Facebook and Instagram](#), owned by Zuckerberg, have [rolled back fact-checking](#) while [censoring posts about abortion pills](#) following the inauguration of Donald Trump, building on years of [deplatforming anarchists and antifascists](#), [silencing pro-Palestinian content](#), and [pushing far-Right conspiracy](#)

[theories](#).

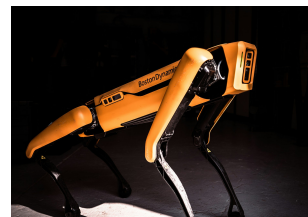


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It should be stated that another section of the Trump coalition, represented by white nationalists like Laura Loomer and neo-fascists like Steve Bannon, have [publicly feuded with Elon Musk](#), meekly criticizing the tech elite for wanting to create "[techno-feudalism](#)." Despite these attacks, its clear that such bark doesn't have much juice, as [Musk has moved to silence far-Right detractors like Loomer on Twitter](#) and has already [set up shop at the White House](#) (although [Susie Wiles seems to have frozen him out for now](#)). Bannon's words also ring hollow, as he has stated he hopes to [weaponize Musk's vast wealth to win electoral campaigns for neo-fascist parties across Europe](#) and "flood the zone" with disinformation. Some on the far-Right might whine about [some of](#) their racialist ideological concerns (such as [Musk's support for H-1B visas - which allow tech companies to hyper-exploit immigrant workers](#)) not aligning with the authoritarian class interests of the technocrats, but in the end, [they know who signs their checks](#).

The ideological forces at play within the [tech elite are numerous](#) but it is important to form a coherent critique of them and understand what animates them, and more importantly, [the story they are attempting to sell to others in elite circles](#). Like Libertarians, they [see the central contradiction in society as being the supposed restraints placed on capital](#); be they in the form of state regulations, taxes, or demands from workers in labor unions, on strike, or in social movements. Unlike Libertarians however, they want to use the state to secure access to capital through contracts and actively [expand the](#)

repressive power of the security state. Like the Alt-Right, they see this overall as an *elite* project, but while the [Alt-Right sought to reach out to upper-middle class college students](#) bound for a career as a GOP staffer or writing for Tucker Carlson, the Tech-Right desires to 'liberate' themselves as *a class* from the supposed shackles of [modern multicultural, democratic society](#). And while they may embrace a totalitarian worldview, they reject fascism as a mass movement for not being [explicitly pro-capitalist](#). Like the white nationalists, they see their project as an [ill-liberal, anti-democratic, and anti-egalitarian movement](#), but [while neo-reactionary thinkers like Yarvin and Nick Land may embrace racist pseudo-science](#), ultimately they want their dictatorship to mimic the authoritarian structures already found within capitalist society itself, not take capital *out* of the hands of elites and make it work *for the nation*, much less, *the people* - even the white ones. The future is here, *you just weren't invited*.

Understanding the Changing Terrain

It's important that we understand that Trump has come back to power during a massive shift in the existing economic and political terrain. As [Jamie Merchant has mapped out](#) at *The Brooklyn Rail*, the neoliberal order is coming to a close. Following the upheavals of 2020, the global pandemic, and the attempted coup on January 6th, [Biden rushed to pump money into Republican states](#) in the hopes of securing social peace, and [pushed back on the growing power and influence of China](#) through [various trade war initiatives](#). This reality has been [coupled with a new rush by countries to ramp up energy production to fuel AI](#) (despite the growing threat of climate change) and increasing [hostiles between the US and BRICS aligned nations](#). Against this backdrop, tech elites are throwing the old neoliberal order out the window and hitching their wagon to the global far-Right. *Lucky us.*

But as we have seen here in the US,

the Trump coalition is a hodgepodge of various factions: from Christian Nationalists who want a red white and blue theocracy, to post-Libertarians who dream of a techno-dystopia. White Nationalists like Steven Miller fantasize of mass deportations while working next to oligarchs like Elon Musk, who calls for more immigrants to work in the US through H-1B visas, while simultaneously boosting neo-Nazis. Despite this ideological swamp, what remains clear is that the central push of the Trump administration is to enrich elites through slashing taxes on the wealthy, gutting regulations, and securing massively lucrative corporate contracts. *Someone's getting rich, but it sure as shit ain't us.*



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But this reality comes with the glaring contradiction that Trump has long branded himself as a populist that would bring down the cost of everyday items like food, energy, and rent. As the late anarchist David Graeber pointed out, Trump positioned himself as a classic corporatist, who reached out to angry workers with the bedtime story that he would unite with them against financial elites. In reality, Trump has already begun to walk back his claims that he would be able to bring down prices, but he's also attempted to cement the *idea* in people's heads that increased energy production will lead to lower prices for working-class people, despite all data to the contrary. In reality, this push for increased fossil fuel production - by Trump's own admission - is simply to power new AI data centers, and it is already causing some to see a rise in their electricity bills. According to some studies, consumers could soon see "their electricity bills increase 70% [due to] surging energy demand from AI data centers." Not to mention, many economists have

also warned that Trump's proposed tariffs could also lead to a further spike in prices, as egg costs have skyrocketed due to an outbreak of bird flu amidst fears of future pandemics, all under the watch of RFK.

There is also the very real possibility that the AI bubble could just simply burst. As Forbes recently noted:

Andrei, AI/ML expert and cofounder of Technosophics, was even much bolder in his prediction, noting that the Gen AI bubble is right on the verge of bursting. "The influx of money pumped into Gen AI without clear ROI has inflated expectations to unsustainable levels," Andrei explained.

He cited American billionaire Tom Siebel, the founder and CEO of C3.ai, who has been quoted saying "the market is overvaluing AI" and that "there's absolutely a bubble," as an example of the sentiment by many CEOs and experts across Silicon Valley. Andrei also noted the growing resistance to gen AI among professionals and the public alike, which could further deflate the hype.

"There is a rising movement of ordinary people from diverse professions, such as writers, artists, computer scientists, engineers, and philosophers, who found common ground against the gen AI paradigm. This has raised awareness within the general population of the irreconcilable issues posed by technology and the fact that it is being forced onto people by billionaires and their organizations," he concluded.

Beyond the increasing financial and environmental costs, accelerated AI production also means creating technologies that by the admission of their own creators, will automate out of existence many jobs - and not just white-collar ones. Many fast-food chains are already working to automate out their workforce through AI, from drive through windows to inside the restaurants themselves. This reality creates a paradox: Trump barely squeaked

out a win in 2024 through weaponizing growing resentment against neoliberalism; an economic system defined by corporate globalization and a declining standard of living. But as Forbes wrote, "[A]utomation technology has been the primary driver of U.S. income inequality over the past 40 years...50% to 70% of changes in U.S. wages since 1980 can be attributed to wage declines among blue-collar workers replaced or degraded by automation." The push by Trump to fuel the growth of AI will of course only accelerate this reality. In short, the Bannionite fantasy of "America First" is simply snake-oil: let's call it for what it is, *neoliberalism coming home to roost*.

Pulling the Plug

Poor and working people face a multitude of crises: growing wealth and social inequality, the increasing threat of climate change, and the rising power of the authoritarian far-Right. Instead of working to better humanity and attack systemic inequalities, the billionaires have instead run in horror at rising anger against them, pushing to centralize and control even more wealth and power: weaponizing disinformation, elections, and existing political systems in the process. This is why people like Elon Musk need you to fear immigrants and trans people - *because the billionaires want you distracted while they rob you*.

We need to realize the moment that we are in. We should be clear about the contradictions and the opportunities that this creates for potential organizing and intervention. We should also be resolute in our understanding that Trump will *not* make the lives of poor and working people better in the US; he is not a solution to the problems caused by decades of neoliberalism, but the acceleration of the capitalist forces that pushed it forward. Moreover, we should work to understand and explain to people the overall *project* that Trump and the Tech-Right are working to accomplish: that building up the capacity of AI will not benefit us in the slightest. Instead, we should point out the

morning of the 18th: the crowd, composed of seasoned militants and first-time protesters in equal parts, set off from a nearby South Shore Line stop to make a thirty-minute trek—in the bitter cold—to the gates of the airport, in the first of what one participant hoped would be "many actions against this region's deportation infrastructure, with the goal of shutting this shit down." But no deportations were stopped, and no airfields were invaded, during the march or the brief moment of rest at the Gary Airport's gates. The demonstration was intended to signal popular discontent with the new administration's plans, if with a radical bent: common chants were "no borders / no nations / stop deportations" and "fuck the border, fuck the wall / we won't stop until they fall." A banner was dropped, decorated with the latter chant, on a fence surrounding the airport's hangars.

Passing traffic slowed down to honk in support of the slogans on display, or just to gawk at the demonstration—this was possibly the most exciting thing that'd happened in Gary in some time—but we eventually attracted the ire of airport security, who sent an employee out to remove the banner. He stepped out of his pickup truck ready for a fight and hurried to rip down the banner (though we convinced him to give it back). When told he was protecting deportation infrastructure he paused and replied—incredulous—"I'm just protecting my job, man." (Not for the last time in this story, the executor and representative of all-American, white supremacist politics was not, in fact, white.)

As we began to march back to the train stop where we'd started, a couple police cars trailed along, honking and reprimanding us, in a uniquely Midwestern fashion, for marching in the street. One pig, apparently not used to making demands, got on the loudspeaker attached to his car and told us: "We're trying to be nice and asking you to get out of the street. If you don't listen to us, we'll be forced to..."—he trailed off before completing the sentence. No one

was too worried—there were fifty of us and just a couple squad cars' worth of them. In hindsight, the security guard who removed the banner likely tipped them off, and they picked up harassing us where he left off. Another car came down the road and joined the two behind us... then another, and another, and soon upwards of twelve or fifteen squad cars had descended upon us, physically forcing us off the road. (A police cruiser drove into protesters as they walked off the street.) This was, we think, the entirety of the Gary Police Department, along with at least one Gary conservation officer and some other stragglers from the County Sheriff who came to get in on the chance to attack protestors.

At this point, we had all left the road without much protest. But several of Gary PD's best and brightest weren't about to let us leave without, as one pig put it, "teaching us a lesson." One protestor was thrown five feet down a hill and into the fence; another who had just left the street was tackled and arrested for 'obstructing traffic' as GPD cruisers clogged the four-lane road. Others were threatened with serious injury. One old, white cop was quick to open up his scoped baton and wade into the crowd, eager to crack skulls. Another cop (younger than Officer Baton, and, like most of the Gary police present, not white) took out a taser and swung it around at eye level, holding the crowd at bay while his coworkers dragged the second arrestee towards the cars on the street. At this point, we clustered around the two arrestees and demanded their release. Instead, GPD pinned a member of the press to the ground and arrested them as well. Observers with the National Lawyers' Guild collected the names of arrestees and followed the squad cars to the station.

The three arrests could have demoralized us, and it was hard to adapt to an unprecedented level of violence doled out in response to a tame action, but morale remained high as we plodded back to the train station. Gary police followed us there, but no one else was arrested. New and old protestors remembered what we'd all learned

in 2020: we all hate the police.

This action was part of a more expansive regional campaign against deportations between Chicago and Northwest Indiana. Different moments in this regional deportation machine require different tactics be applied to slow and shut it down—in Chicago, present emphasis is on preventative and ameliorative measures to interrupt, delay, and crowd out ICE and DHS raids. Gary's airport—like detention centers and processing hubs elsewhere—offers us a different opportunity, to sever the process at one of its vulnerable chokepoints. It will take bold and concerted action against every segment of the process to bring mass deportations to a halt and stop the new administration's plans in the first place they'll be tested.

Over the next few years, we will be challenged to "outmaneuver, exhaust, demoralize, confuse, and overpower the repressive might of the state." GPD's gleeful recourse to fascist violence brought us face to face with the first instance of the incoming Trump administration's political repression—two days before he entered office. But as always, we learn by doing, and the protestors who gathered after the 18th began to build the relationships and trust necessary to fight the fights to come. Brave hearts to the front!

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Permanent Ecological Conflict: A Conversation With Xander Dunlap

January 22, 2025

Welcome back to The Beautiful Idea, a new project from a collective of several anarchist and autonomous media producers scattered around the world. We're bringing you interviews and stories from the front-lines of autonomous social movements and struggles, as well as original commentary and analysis.

poor Black and brown neighbors.

We take a cue from W.E.B. DuBois's description of the wages of whiteness: both the real wage and the civic-psychological wage. In our "[Reflections](#)" on the encampments, we briefly outlined a global crisis in which, as profit rates dwindle, scores of proletarians have been ejected from regular access to work, and capital has moved to less-competitive labor markets in the global periphery. With the neo-colonial misrule, climate shocks, and domestic instability this moment brings comes a drastic increase in migration flows, with migrants deported and selectively incorporated—whether documented or not—to maintain middle class consumption standards while holding the (white) middle class apart from the 'dirty' work carried out by immigrants. The populations held at the border, warehoused in redlined neighborhoods and in many cases constantly under threat of deportation serve as "floating labor reserves for increasingly predatory individual capitals" in these 'dirty' sectors of production that are nonetheless crucial to the daily operation of the North American economy.

In this political context, the divisions internal to the working class are decisive. Class war is war on the bourgeois class—but also on its junior partners: the homeowners, landlords, middle-class professional-managerial workers, and all of the other people who end up shoulder to shoulder with the police. Not all of these citizens are white, but they are all allowed to make use of the privileges and powers historically granted to white people—by calling the cops, snitching on an undocumented coworker, or otherwise leveraging their class position or legality against their systematically dispossessed neighbors. The Latinos who voted for Trump and against 'illegals' were not betraying some pre-existing revolutionary essence inherent to their community or culture, they were voting on class lines—against proletarianized, undocumented, poor immigrants. One segment of the class lines up with national capitals against their competitors on the labor market,

whose undocumented status and poverty make them employable at lower wages and on more precarious terms—which becomes an easy wedge to drive between poor Latinos and their poorer co-workers.

Per [DuBois](#), the "public and psychological wage" of whiteness was (and is) foundational to American civil society:

[Whites] were admitted freely with all classes of white people to public functions, public parks, and the best schools. The police were drawn from their ranks, and the courts, dependent upon their votes, treated them with such leniency as to encourage lawlessness. Their vote selected public officials, and while this had small effect upon the economic situation, it had great effect upon their personal treatment and the deference shown them. White schoolhouses were the best in the community, and conspicuously placed, and they cost anywhere from twice to ten times as much per capita as the colored schools. The newspapers specialized on news that flattered the poor whites and almost utterly ignored the Negro except in crime and ridicule.

Meanwhile, as the real economic standing and security of middle-class whites continues to decline and the global crisis drags on, the 'psychological wage' of whiteness is activated. It does not serve an equilibrium-restoring function, but instead expresses the contradiction at the heart of American society: that the class relation here was and continues to be hashed out in racial terms, and that as a result, falls in the bourgeois consumption standards of the white middle class will immediately provoke calls for a return to older and more direct forms of that racial class rule. 'Economic anxiety' is racial paranoia; bourgeois class rule is white-supremacist dictatorship. The mass deportations that the Trump administration has promised may not be economically rational, but their economic *irrationality* matches that of the American economy and white civil society for its entire history.

Chicago will be 'ground zero' for the new administration's mass deportations. Tom Homan wants to bus thousands of people to the Gary airport—to tear families apart and destroy peoples' lives for the preservation of the white race—and he wants to do so not just with ICE or CBP but with the help of the local police, the national guard, and whichever deputized whites choose to pitch in. Class struggle is attacking this plan with everything at our disposal.

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BRAVE HEARTS TO THE FRONT!

Throughout the week preceding Trump's inauguration, people across the United States gathered for "[Festivals of Resistance](#)" to set the tone and the pace of our fight against the new administration's white terror for the years to come.

The week concluded on the 18th of January, the second [anniversary](#) of the execution of [Tortugueta](#) by Georgia State Patrol officers in a raid on the Weelaunee forest. The struggle against Atlanta's proposed 'cop city'—a gigantic police training facility in the Atlanta forest, complete with a [mock city](#) designed to simulate the city's poor, Black neighborhoods—was an extension of 2020's nationwide uprising against the police, which orients our politics and leaves us with an afterimage of what a revolutionary event might someday look like here, in the belly of the beast. Its martyrs—chief among them Tort—are our martyrs, and we chose to honor them practically, by continuing their struggle against the racist, imperialist American state.

This took us to the Gary/Chicago International Airport, a private airfield where five states' worth of deportation flights take off, bound for the southern border. The airport has been a site of intense, prolonged, and brave struggle, reaching its peak between 2017 and 2018, with demonstrators and militants directly, materially impeding deportation flights and the daily operation of the airport. Our aim was less ambitious on the

dramatic costs to the continuation of industrial capitalism and the threats that AI in particular represents.



Protest against tech buses in bay area in early 2010s. SOURCE: <https://fuckoffgoogle.de/>

Past struggles and social movements offer us many lessons. We would be wise to study the [interventions against tech in the 2010's by groups like Counterforce in the bay area](#) as well as mass ecological struggles in places like [Germany against Telsa's push for expansion](#). We can learn from [Indigenous water protectors, movements like Stop Cop City in Atlanta](#), and from [Appalachians fighting to stop pipeline projects](#), as we work to stop the expansion of AI data centers - [struggles which are already breaking out all over](#). [Strikes by workers at Amazon](#) and fast-food companies can be used to [build bridges and unite campaigns](#). Antifascists can help to map the connections between white supremacists, the State, and the Tech-Right. The [Abolish ICE struggle](#) and the [BDS movement can give us tools](#) to push back against tech companies profiting off of war, surveillance, and the militarization of the border and mass detention. There is lots of work to do, but we need to weave these struggles together and explain to the broader population how they all connect.

And as previously stated, [fights by local communities against AI data centers](#) are already [popping up across the social landscape](#) and [will only increase in number](#). If people are looking for a way to push back against the oligarchs and their techno-authoritarian future, here is your chance. 2025 may be marked less by clashes with Proud Boys marching through the streets, and more by local communities banding together to stop AI

infrastructure projects.



Screenshot: [DW.com](#)

The Tech-Right is united, but less by their scattered reactionary ideologies, and more by their shared class interests. They want us divided, thinking we'll fight each other over the scraps they offer us, or by generating the latest outrage on social media platforms they control. We need to organize and build around *our* shared class interests, reaching across divisions, around common goals and struggles. We want homes *for everyone*. We want a livable planet *for our children*. We want control over *our* labor. We want to abolish the systems that *are destroying us*.

In the 1990s, [anarchists, labor unions, anti-sweatshop activists, and environmental groups helped mobilize thousands in militant protests against corporate globalization](#), all under a Democratic president. Using decentralized networks, independent media, and affinity groups, they helped to create a growing movement, rooted in anti-capitalist analysis and direct action. We did it before, we can do it again.

The oligarchs want a king. *Let's give them a peasants' revolt instead.*

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Supreme Court Returns Case of Miguel Peralta to Courts in Oaxaca

January 25, 2025

Update and call for solidarity from Miguel Peralta's support group following a recent ruling from the Supreme Court.

On November 6, 2024, the Supreme Court of Mexico made public in very general terms their

ruling on the writ of amparo (an extraordinary legal resource in the Mexican legal system) filed in the case of Miguel Peralta Betanzos, Indigenous Mazatec anarchist and community organizer from Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón, Oaxaca. Following that, on November 28, the Supreme Court published their final ruling, which included all the fine details.

Although it could have been worse, we're disgusted with the resolution. The Supreme Court should have granted Miguel his absolute freedom, ending the political persecution against him. They didn't. Instead, using a discourse of multiculturalism and respect for Indigenous rights, they returned the case to the Collegiate Court in Oaxaca—the same court that ruled on the writ of amparo in 2023—ordering that court to take into consideration certain things when making their new ruling on the case.

In the Supreme Court's resolution, they critique the Collegiate Court in Oaxaca for having not considered Miguel's Indigenous Mazatec identity, for not guaranteeing his right to an interpreter (an easy out for the Supreme Court and an unnecessary step), and for not taking into account the customs and cultural specificities of his community. The ruling also orders the Collegiate Court to study whether the rights of self-determination, autonomy, and equal access to justice were respected. The latter points provide opportunities for legal defense.

With the annulment of the previous resolution from the Collegiate Court, that same Collegiate Court will now study and rule on Miguel's case again. This time, supposedly, taking into consideration the merits of the case: Miguel's innocence; the threat to the self-determination and autonomy of the community; the context of political persecution against Miguel for organizing in defense of land and against local caciques; the imbalance in political power between the accused and the accusers in the case.

It is absurd that the Supreme Court didn't take into account statements

from the family and community, letters from national and international social organizations, even an *Amicus Curiae* presented by anthropologists and social organizations. The court did not resolve the writ of amparo from an intercultural perspective as was required, but merely repeated rights that are stated in the constitution.

We're also frustrated by the media—both independent and not—who following the court hearing on November 6 in different ways were giving off the idea that Miguel Peralta had won his absolute freedom, or that with this resolution his absolute freedom was at the doorstep. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

Let's be clear. The political persecution against Miguel Peralta continues. The court system in Oaxaca, which has slow walked his case for ten years, again has his case in their jurisdiction. The judicial system throughout the country is going through a process of transformation, including the election of federal judges this year, which will only delay the resolution in Miguel Peralta's case even longer.

Meanwhile, Miguel Peralta continues displaced from his community, living under the constant threat of being captured by the state. His family continues without a father, a son, a brother, a nephew, a cousin. His community remains divided, persecuted, criminalized. The wounds brought by ten years of cacique and state repression remain open and unable to heal.

In addition to all this, Elisa Zepeda Lagunas, pivotal figure in the Zepeda Cortes cacique family in Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón—responsible for the criminalization of Miguel and other members of the community—was gifted the political position of state congresswoman in the current LXVI congress of Oaxaca. She didn't even have the capacity to be "popularly elected"—which we know are just elections bought and sold by political party apparatuses anyway—but was given the three-year position directly by the political party, MORENA, the party currently in federal and state

power. We know she's rubbing shoulders with local power holders, judges, prosecutors, police, politicians, university administrators, even the president of the country.

In this context, we continue calling for agitation and solidarity demanding the absolute freedom of Miguel Peralta. We encourage everyone to download, print, and distribute the different materials we have related to his case which can be found at the archive.org page here: <https://archive.org/details/@miguel>. We also call on folks to organize actions, events, raise funds, hang banners, paint graffiti, write letters, make trouble, show active and permanent solidarity with Miguel Peralta and the community of Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón. Let's not let the "owners of justice" sleep well at night. Let's be creative and spontaneous in the light of day or beneath the shadow of the moon.

Absolute freedom for Miguel Peralta!

Absolute freedom for all those persecuted and processed from Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón!

Comunicado Ante Publicación de la Sentencia de la Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación

El pasado 6 de noviembre de 2024 se llevó a cabo la sesión donde la Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación dio a conocer, en términos muy generales, la resolución sobre el amparo directo en revisión (un recurso extraordinario en la justicia mexicana) promovido en el caso de Miguel Peralta Betanzos, indígena mazateco, anarquista y defensor comunitario de Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón, Oaxaca. Posteriormente, el 28 de noviembre la Corte hizo pública dicha resolución donde pudimos conocer de manera detallada su decisión.

Como ya lo habíamos mencionado, aunque pudo haber sido peor, estamos bastante inconformes con esta determinación. La Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación pudo haber otorgado a Miguel su libertad plena y haber detenido la persecución política en su contra.

No lo hizo. En lugar de ello, bajo un discurso de multiculturalismo y respeto a los derechos indígenas, devolvió el caso al Tribunal Colegiado de Oaxaca que resolvió el amparo directo en 2023, ordenándole vagamente que tomaran ciertas consideraciones al emitir una nueva sentencia.

En su resolución, la Corte hizo una especie de regaño al Tribunal por no haber considerado la identidad indígena de Miguel, pues no garantizó su derecho a una persona intérprete (una salida fácil de la Corte e innecesaria en este caso) y no tomó en cuenta las costumbres y especificidades culturales de la comunidad. También le dijo que debía estudiar si se respetaron los derechos a la libre determinación, a la autonomía y al acceso a la jurisdicción del Estado. Esto último da oportunidades de defensa.

La revocación de la sentencia de amparo directo que había dictado el Tribunal de Oaxaca significa que éste deberá estudiar nuevamente el asunto de Miguel, evitando reenviar el caso a Huautla y resolviendo de fondo: que es inocencia, que la comunidad se vio amenazada en su ejercicio a la libre determinación y autonomía, que el contexto es de persecución política por su labor de defensa del territorio y por enfrentar el cacicazgo local y que, hay un desbalance de poder entre quien acusa y quienes son acusados.

Es lamentable que la Suprema Corte no haya considerado nada de lo aportado por la familia, la comunidad, las cartas de organizaciones civiles nacionales e internacionales, ni los *Amicus Curiae* que presentaron organizaciones y personas antropólogas. No resolvió con perspectiva intercultural, sólo repitió derechos que están en la Constitución.

Nos sentimos preocupadxs también por algunos medios de comunicación -ceranos y no- que, después de la audiencia del 6 de noviembre en la Suprema Corte dieron a entender de diferentes maneras que Miguel había ganado su libertad plena, o que con esta resolución su libertad plena estaba a las puertas. Lamentablemente no es el caso.

Seamos claros. La persecución política contra Miguel Peralta continúa. El sistema judicial de Oaxaca, que ha caminado lento su caso durante diez años, vuelve a tener este expediente en su jurisdicción. El sistema judicial en todo el país está pasando por una seria transformación, incluyendo la elección de jueces federales este año, lo que sólo podría retrasar aún más la resolución en el caso de Miguel.

Mientras tanto, Miguel continúa desplazado de su comunidad, viviendo bajo la constante amenaza de ser capturado por el Estado. Su familia sigue sin padre, sin hijo, sin hermano, sin sobrino, sin primo. Su comunidad sigue dividida, perseguida, criminalizada. Las heridas provocadas por diez años de represión caciquil y estatal siguen abiertas y sin cicatrizar.

Además de todo esto, Elisa Zepeda Lagunas, figura central de la familia caciquil Zepeda Cortes en Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón -responsables de la criminalización de Miguel y otros miembros de la comunidad- recibió el cargo político de diputada local en el actual congreso LXVI del Estado de Oaxaca. Ni siquiera tuvo la capacidad de ser «electa popularmente» -que de todos modos sabemos que son sólo elecciones compradas y vendidas por los aparatos de los partidos políticos- sino que, el cargo de tres años le fue otorgado directamente por el partido político MORENA, partido que actualmente está en el poder federal y estatal. Sabemos que se codea con la gente del poder, jueces, fiscales, policías, políticxs, administradores universitarixs, incluso con la presidenta del país.

En este contexto, seguimos llamando a la agitación y solidaridad exigiendo la libertad absoluta de Miguel Peralta. Animamos a todxs a descargar, imprimir y distribuir los diferentes materiales que tenemos relacionados con su caso, que se puede encontrar en la página de archive:

<https://archive.org/details/@miguel>. También llamamos a organizar acciones, eventos, recaudar fondos, colgar mantas, pintar grafitis, escribir cartas, mostrar una solidaridad activa y permanente con

Miguel Peralta y la comunidad de Eloxochitlán. Quitémosles el sueño a los dueños de la "justicia", seamos creativos y espontáneos a la luz del sol y bajo la sombra de la luna.

¡Libertad plena para Miguel Peralta!

¡Libertad plena para todos lxs perseguidos y procesados de Eloxochitlán de Flores Magón!

Opening Acts

January 22, 2025

Report from the Lake Effect Collective on a recent anti-deportation mobilization in the Midwest. [Originally published here.](#)

As a collective, our involvement in social struggles has not been indiscriminate. We recognize that in a deeply and consistently evil world, there are many, many opportunities to act—and that there aren't enough of us to respond to every one of them. We direct our limited resources strategically, understanding that the task of a revolutionary minority in the movement is to analyze and target this society's fault lines, paying attention to objective crises that might spur the subjective recomposition of a revolutionary movement. The two texts below—and an anonymous press release from January 18th's rally against deportations at the Gary Airport, sent to us last night—are attempts to reflect theoretically on our involvement in Chicago's incipient struggle against deportations. We're hopeful that they clarify the conditions and stakes of this political moment for fellow radicals.

It is difficult to imagine the kind of [violence](#) necessary to depopulate an entire labor market of its dispossessed—but soon, it won't be. In Gaza, this depopulation is carried out by brute genocidal force; we're promised by the incoming administration that the National Guard will help ICE expel twenty million undocumented migrants by the end of Trump's second term. Different methods of ethnic cleansing are applied at various points in the world-system, to different ends: Gaza, surplus to Israeli labor markets, is marked for

annihilation for the crime of continuing to exist; migrants in the United States, responsible for the most precarious, physically dangerous and low-paying labor in the country, will be *made* surplus to the same American labor markets that currently rely on them to keep wages depressed in key agricultural and industrial sectors of the domestic economy. There, in the difference between the two situations, we can find room to act. Palestinian labor was only severed from Israeli labor markets once other sources were found for artificially lowered wages: in the Israeli case, migrant laborers from Southeast Asia. No similar solutions present themselves for the United States. In the Israeli case, the integration of the state's military and the organs of civil society—the media, schools, religious institutions and so on, not to mention universal conscription—guaranteed the warehousing of Gaza and the continued occupation of the West Bank met with no resistance; in the American case, the disunity of the military, federal government, and local jurisdictions will create spectacular blunders, inefficiencies and failures that we may be able to exploit.

Our commitment to class struggle is not a fetishistic attachment to the 20th-century coal unions or the leadership of the UAW, and we've learned in practice that the old organizations, with their outmoded, paternalistic thinking and one-size-fits-all activist campaigning, have given up on the goal they claim to be marching towards with every new recruitment drive. The 'working class' is a composite category, with various strata that form blocs aligned against each other as often as they're pitted against other classes. In the United States, what divides the middle and upper rungs of the working class from the proletariat and lumpenproletariat is that the latter are more often than not racialized: it's not as clear-cut as in Fanon's portrait of the colony, where you're rich because you're white and white because you're rich, but that's closer to true than the fiction that middle-class and petty bourgeois whites will someday recognize their natural class solidarity with their